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## Crucial talks begin to avert strike in BL

LONDON, Oct. 31 (R) — British Leyland (BL) managers met union leaders Saturday in a last-ditch attempt to avert a pay strike which could destroy BL and lead to the loss of up to one million jobs. With the strike due to start at midnight GMT, leaders of the four main unions were locked in talks with a management team led by the BL Chairman, Sir Michael Edwards.

Sir Michael has warned BL's 58,000 manual workers, who plan to strike in support of their demand for a 17.5 percent rise, that he will fire strikers.

Friday, the British government said it would make no 11th hour effort to save the car company from "destruction." There was no word on the results of the last-minute talks

### Explosion rocks British town

LONDON, Oct. 31 (AFP) — A bomb exploded Saturday morning in Luton, a small town near London, causing property damage but apparently no casualties. Police said the bomb went off near the local football stadium, breaking windows and damaging cars.

No-one has yet claimed responsibility for the explosion. The provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) has admitted carrying out three bombings in London earlier last month that caused three deaths.

A police spokesman said later that the bombing was "a deliberate attempt by someone to cause considerable damage. If anyone had been passing, they would certainly have been killed or maimed."

### Boon to housing

## Fed cuts discount rate to 13%

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board reduced its basic discount rate for borrowing by member banks from 14 percent to 13 percent Friday in the first significant easing of its grip on the United States' credit supply since more than a year.

Spokesman for the hard-pressed housing and auto industries — and even for the Reagan administration, which publicly supports a tight credit policy — have been suggesting such an easing would be welcome.

In the past two months, governors of the Federal Reserve, the United States' central bank, had reduced a surcharge the Fed takes onto loans made to big and frequent bank members.

But the reduction in the actual discount rate — the basic interest charged member banks — was the first since it began raising its rate in September 1980.

The new action will not by itself allow banks to suddenly make large amounts of credit available to individual Americans or to corporations. But it should at least make a bit more credit available by lowering the banks' borrowing costs.

The current national economic weakness — particularly in the interest-sensitive areas of housing and auto sales — has been largely blamed on record-high interest rates. And

### Offshore areas promising

## 7 giant oilfields await tapping

VIENNA, Oct. 31 (R) — Seven "super giant" oilfields, each holding five billion barrels or more, remain to be tapped around the world, according to a study released Friday by the OPEC news agency OPECNA. When developed, these fields would add a total of around 450 billion barrels of oil to the world's current proven reserves of about 650 billion barrels, the agency said, quoting a study by the Italian oil company AGIP.

Better recovery methods and other new technology could add a further 567 billion barrels to total world reserves by the year 2000, adding up to a total of 1,669 billion barrels, AGIP Vice-Chairman Marcello Colli was quoted as saying.

OPECNA said the study, the full text of which will appear soon in the quarterly *OPEC Review*, estimated that seven "super giant" fields remained to be tapped — three in the Middle East and one each in North America,

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SATELLITE VIEW: This remarkable photo was taken by the Gemini XI satellite from 500 miles (806 Kms) and shows Ethiopia and Somalia in northeast Africa. At the lower right, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden can be seen. This view of part of the Middle East makes the Earth's problems seem remote and gives little indication of man's presence.

### Mubarak set to visit any Arab state

CAIRO, Oct. 31 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said he is ready to go to any Arab country to settle differences.

"... I am ready to go to Saudi Arabia or any other Arab country to explain the issue and settle our differences if I find an appropriate time to do this," Mubarak said in an interview published Saturday in the weekly magazine *October*.

President Mubarak was quoted as saying he wanted to turn a new page with Arab countries and that the improvement of Egypt's relations with other Arab states was just a matter of time.

Mubarak said that "contrary to various rumors" there had been no secret contacts between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, but that if they opened talks the world would hear about it.

But Mubarak asserted that he sees no turning back on peace with Israel.

"When we choose peace, we save huge funds spent on arms and ammunition and divert it to building the prosperity and development of the Egyptian people... therefore there is no turning back in peace. This is an indisputable fact on which I don't accept any bargain or argument," he said.

*October* quoted him as saying: "We don't intend to attack any Arab country we have agreed with Israel that the October (1973) War should be the last war between us, so how could it be possible to have a war with an Arab country."

"I want to assure Libya, and others, that we do not want to fight any body," said President Mubarak.

But the commander still refused to go

### Soviet diplomats arrive

## Sub captain remains silent

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31 (Agencies) — The captain of Soviet Submarine 137 stayed aboard his stranded vessel Saturday, still refusing to say why it went into a restricted Swedish military zone. The Soviet Union has expressed its regret for the incident in which the submarine ran aground on Tuesday near the Swedish Baltic naval base at Karlskrona. But Sweden says the apology is not enough and continues to demand an explanation.

Swedish Foreign Minister Ola Ullstic

claimed a diplomatic success over the Soviet Union's apology Friday night for the intrusion of a submarine into restricted territorial waters.

The regrets were delivered orally to the Swedish foreign affairs cabinet Chief of Staff Leif Lindahl by the Soviet Ambassador to Stockholm, Mikhail Jakovlev.

"We asked the Soviet authorities to present their regrets, and we obtained them," Ullstic said. "The Soviet gesture showed the USSR's wish to cooperate on this affair."

Other diplomatic sources expressed surprise at the apology, and said it was the first time they recalled a direct Moscow apology to another government.

A senior naval officer boarded the submarine early Saturday but left it after several minutes, a Swedish defense staff spokesman said.

The commander of *Submarine 137* has said he will not explain his presence unless Soviet diplomats are present and will not leave his craft without orders from Moscow.

The Soviet diplomats have arrived in Karlskrona. However, a Swedish staff officer has said neither they nor any other unauthorized person will be allowed to enter the restricted zone.

But the commander still refused to go

before an inquiry commission, despite the presence of the diplomats. He said he would not leave his ship until he receives direct orders to do so, either from Moscow or from his base in Kaliningrad, on the Polish border.

Commander Guzbin had radio contacts Friday night with a Soviet destroyer anchored outside Swedish territorial waters, which is transmitting the messages to the Kaliningrad base.

Swedish authorities authorized the contacts as long as they were not coded.

In Karlskrona, Boris Grigoriev, the Soviet embassy second secretary, described the submarine incident as an accident" which "does not threaten to compromise action in northern Europe on behalf of peace."

He told the Swedish news agency "TT" that he had gone to Karlskrona with Capt. Yuri Prosvirin, the Soviet naval attaché in Stockholm, Mikhail Jakovlev.

It will be the first bid for public office by the 40-year-old Ms. Reagan, who has been active in Republican Party activities as a volunteer since 1959.

Ms. Reagan's candidacy is not a surprise. She has been building a campaign organization for months and hinting at a formal announcement.

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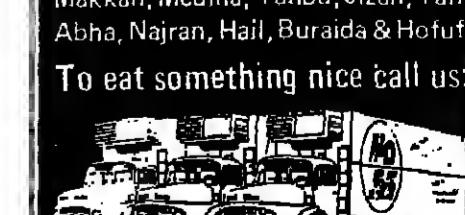
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## Fahd okays SR50,000 bonus for U graduates

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 — All ministries and government departments in Saudi Arabia have been instructed to pay SR50,000 to every Saudi Arabian national they recruit if he obtained a university degree from the Kingdom or abroad, provided he was a full-time student.

*Al-Bilad* reported Saturday that Crown Prince Fahd approved a recommendation by Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy, that the SR50,000 be paid with retrospective effect from the date on which King Khaled granted this privilege four months ago.

Aba Al-Khail acted in light of recommendations put to him by a special committee set up to decide on which department should pay the bonus.

### AWACS deal lauded

MANAMA, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Bahrain Foreign Minister Muhammad ibn Muharrak Al-Khalifa expressed his country's great satisfaction over the U.S. Senate's approval to sell the advanced radar planes to Saudi Arabia.

In a statement issued here Saturday, the Bahraini minister reiterated that the growing strength of the Kingdom could be described as the strength of Bahrain and whole Arab nation.



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## Abdullah receives diplomats

RIYADH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah received at his office Saturday Qatari Ambassador Abdul Rahman Hamad Al-Attiya and representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the Kingdom, Rafiq Al-Natshe.

Talks with the Qatari ambassador dealt with bilateral relations, while with the Palestinian official, Prince Abdullah discussed recent developments in the region and the relations between the PLO and the Kingdom.

In other news, Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan received in Jeddah Saturday the ambassadors-designate of West Germany, Sri Lanka and Malta. The new ambassadors, including Hans Von Stein of West Germany, Muhammad Rayal of Sri

5 teachers' institutes converted into schools

RIYADH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — The Central Region Girls' Education Directorate has transformed five teachers training institutes in Kharj, Dalan, Washim, Majma and Harrah into secondary schools, according to official reports Saturday.

The directorate has directed all graduates of these institutes to teach in primary schools of the Central Region with the aim of Saudizing all personnel in the primary education stage.

In another development, the girls' education directorate has opened 45 primary, nine intermediate and five secondary schools by the beginning of the current academic year. The schools, which began operating at the start of the academic year, were furnished with all necessary equipment to open in time, it was reported.

Lanka and George Saliba of Malta, presented copies of their credentials as their countries' ambassadors to the Kingdom to Thunayan. At a latter date, they will submit their credentials to King Khaled.

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri met Saturday with U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom Richard Murphy. Topics of discussion included issues of mutual interests.

## Taif allocated SR50m extra for asphalting

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has approved the appropriation of an additional SR50 million for the asphalting of Taif streets, *Al-Bilad* reported Saturday. The municipality has invited tenders for its projects and the bids will be opened within the next few days. The projects will have to be completed within six months, or before the summer season when the ministries move to that resort city, the paper said.

Meanwhile, Jeddah Mayor Muhammad

Said Farsi said Saturday that a SR1.2 billion contract for cleaning the city has been awarded to a specialized firm. The company will start implementing the five-year contract within a few months; because it needs a full study of the task before embarking on the job, the mayor added.

The company will be responsible for all cleaning operations, including garbage collection. It will also operate, maintain and supervise the municipality's incinerators. In

addition to cleaning the public utilities and house garbage. But it will not be responsible for removing the dust of excavation works.

In other construction developments, the Communications Ministry has begun work on the proposed Jeddah to Medina expressway. The project has been divided into 10 parts and awarded to 10 contractors, according to Ahmad Abdul Ghani, Western Region roads department director, Saturday.

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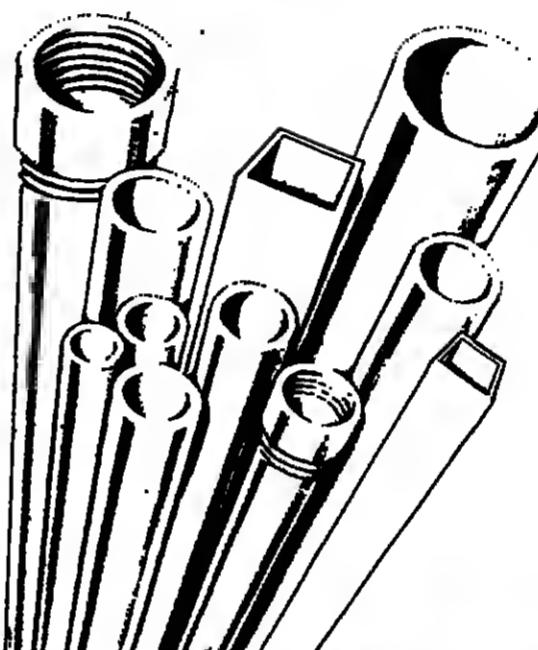
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## Ruling bans companies from bullion speculation

TAIF, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman Al-Solaim Saturday issued an order banning various companies and establishments from playing an intermediary role in bullion speculation in local or foreign markets.

The order also banned their announcement in newspapers with the intention of encouraging the public to take part in it. Furthermore, the companies to be established after the issuance of the order will be banned from undertaking this kind of activity, with the exception of the banks set up in accordance with the Banks Con-

trol Order.

The ministerial order prohibits the registration of any commercial agency in the register of agents and distributors of any foreign company or establishment whose activity includes speculation in precious metals in world markets. The ministry has made it clear that any violation of the order will be considered punishable by law.

In realization of public interest, the ministry urged the merchants to abide by the order, so that it achieves the desired objectives for which it has been framed.

### During seminar

## Aid for handicapped debated

RIYADH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ghanem, chairman of the Middle East Regional Bureau for the Blind, returned here Saturday. He was on foreign tour during which he attended the West German International Conference for the rehabilitation of the blind and handicapped, the Italian International Conference for the education of blind and the International Seminar for the rehabilitation of the blind organized by the United Nations in Vienna.

Ghanem said he chaired part of the meeting in Germany and submitted a paper on the importance of education and rehabilitation of the blind. He added that the number of blind people have increased during the past few years as a result of accidents and also a lack of vitamins in food, which causes blindness and myopia in emerging countries.

In Vienna, Ghanem said, he was elected vice-chairman of the international seminar and presided over some of its meetings. He

also was elected chairman of the committee working for the manufacture of equipment for the blind. The committee discussed the problems faced by the handicapped on obtaining the equipment, he added.

Ghanem said the committee has recommended the mapping of a constructive strategy and a long-term plan for assistance for the handicapped. It has also recommended that the emerging nations be asked to give priority for the rehabilitation and education of the handicapped. The committee has further laid stress on cooperation between the industrialized and emerging nations and on preparing studies to check conditions of handicap in the world. It also urged the opening of rehabilitation centers and schools for the handicapped.

Ghanem said the committee's recommendations would be placed before the U.N. General Assembly for approval and implementation.

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## SABIC plans sending more trainees abroad

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 — The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) has enrolled 1,000 of its employees this month in training courses at the Public Administration Institute and other industrial institutes. According to *Al-Madina*'s Saturday the employees will get training in administration, operating and maintenance in preparation for sending them to West Germany, the United States, Japan and the Republic of China. They will receive further training with foreign companies engaged in joint ventures with SABIC for periods ranging between one and three years.

The company has already enrolled 630 of its employees in training courses inside the Kingdom, of whom a large number was sent abroad on similar training missions to Europe, Japan, the U.S. and Taiwan. The moves come under SABIC's plans to improve the qualifications of its personnel in line with the enormous development it anticipates during the next five years when almost all its projects will go on-stream.

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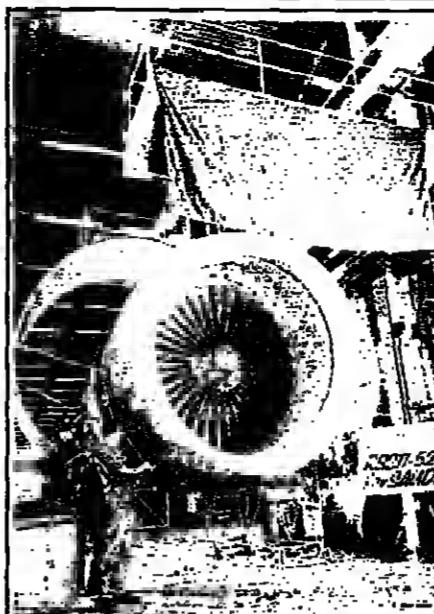
JEDDAH, (SPA) — Over 667,000 pilgrims left the country by the end of Friday, according to Ibrahim Al-Sadhan, assistant deputy minister for passports and civil status.

Saturday. The majority of them, nearly half a million left by air followed by 159,000 by land, and 23,000 by sea.

MAKKAH, (SPA) — The Muslim World League will provide the Muslims of Vietnam and Cambodia with aid including teachers of religion, doctors and financial assistance to build mosque. It will also study the possibility of translating the Quran into the local language, it was stated here Saturday.

RIYADH, (SPA) — A seminar of library science in the Arab world will open Saturday here under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, it was announced here Saturday. The week-long seminar will be attended by a number of library scientists from different Arab countries.

HAFR EL BATIN, (SPA) — A SR24 million contract was awarded to a national firm



THE 100TH: Saudia, the national carrier, became the first foreign customer of Rolls Royce to receive the 100th RB-211-524 engine. Saudi said Saturday that the engine was delivered recently in England for use in its seventh Boeing 747 aircraft. Its other six jumbos also are equipped with Rolls Royce engines. Picture shows the engine at the manufacturer's plant.

## Chatti addresses session Sahel committee begins talks

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Meetings of a special subcommittee, formed by the Committee for Islamic Solidarity with the Peoples of the Sahel, opened at the Organization of the Islamic Conference headquarters here Saturday. OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti presided over the session.

The three-day meeting will discuss the technical, economic and developmental aspects in channelling the emergency relief aid called for by the Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference of Baghdad in June. The assistance, totalling \$210 million, was committed for the African Sahel countries which include Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad.

Chatti thanked the Kingdom in his inaugural speech for a favorable response to a request for transferring 15 percent of the contributions for development projects to food aid. He also stressed the need to process the assistance to the beneficiaries.

Mali Foreign Minister Bloudig Bay, representing President Moussa Traore who is the current president of the Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel, stressed the importance of the Third Islamic Summit's decision to help the people of the region. This decision formed a turning point in promoting solidarity with the Muslim peoples of the Sahel region, he said.

"The decision proved to the African Sahel people that Islamic solidarity is a tangible thing and not only a boners," he added. He called on the subcommittee to do its utmost and reach practical decisions to direct the assistance to the beneficiaries.

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# Tunisians go to polls today

TUNIS, Oct. 31 (R) — Over two million Tunisians are being urged to vote Sunday to choose 136 members of parliament in the country's first multiparty elections since it achieved independence from France over 25 years ago.

The ruling National Front is expected to win the elections easily, but both pro-government and opposition circles say they consider the vote will test the government's

sincerity in its expressed desire for change. The move to democratize politics in Tunisia was announced last April by President Habib Bourguiba at a congress of the Socialist Destour (constitution) Party (PSD), which has been in office since independence. The National Front is made up of the PSD and the UGTT labor federation.

Since then a 20-year-old ban on the Communist Party (PCT) has been lifted. The

Socialist Democrat Movement (MDS) and People's Unity Movement (MUP) are also contesting the election, but they must obtain at least five percent of the vote to be officially recognized as parties.

The four parties are fielding a total of 365 candidates in 23 constituencies. For the first time, a wide range of newspapers, radio broadcasts, meetings, and posters have been allowed in the campaign.

Arrives in Washington tonight

## Hussein to discuss arms deal with Reagan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, concerned about possible Soviet arms sales to Jordan, will confer next week with King Hussein about supplying Jordan with new weapons.

Hussein, who will arrive in Washington Sunday evening, will meet with Reagan at the White House Monday and Tuesday, his first sessions with the president. Later in the visit, the monarch will witness the firing of improved Hawk missiles at Fort Bliss in Texas.

A senior administration official said that discussions have been held with the Jordanians about the purchase of such weapons, but he said, "This is not a shopping-list visit by Hussein."

Jordan's reluctance to join the Camp David peace process was a sore point in relations between the United States and Jordan during the Carter administration. The Jordanians have refused to take part in current talks involving Israel, Egypt and the United

States. Senior Reagan administration officials who spoke to reporters under ground rules that prohibited further identification said they hoped that progress on talks intended to establish Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank of the Jordan River would attract the support of Arab states other than Egypt.

"We are fully aware that King Hussein has not accepted the Camp David accords," said one official. "We would not expect that at the end of this visit he would have his name on the line (of the agreement)." But, said another official, the meetings will be held "to underscore to the king our determination to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East and to express our desire to cooperate with Jordan."

The discussion of arms for Jordan comes on the heels of Reagan's victory Wednesday in stopping the Senate from disapproving the sale of five Airborne Warning and Control System Airplanes (AWACS) to Saudi

Arabia. The official said that the Senate vote improved the climate for the Hussein visit.

The administration officials said that Jordan has been having discussions with Moscow leaders about the possible purchase of Soviet arms.

"There could be problems with the introduction of Soviet weaponry in another country in the Middle East," one official said. Libya is the major recipient of Soviet arms in the Middle East. Moscow also sends weapons to South Yemen, and has supplied Iraq.

The officials said talks within the U.S.-Jordanian Joint Military Commission here and in Amman have dealt in the past six months with Jordan's overall defense requirements, although some talks have focused on air defenses.

In addition to conferring with Reagan, Hussein will have lunch with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and attend a state dinner in his honor. He will also meet with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

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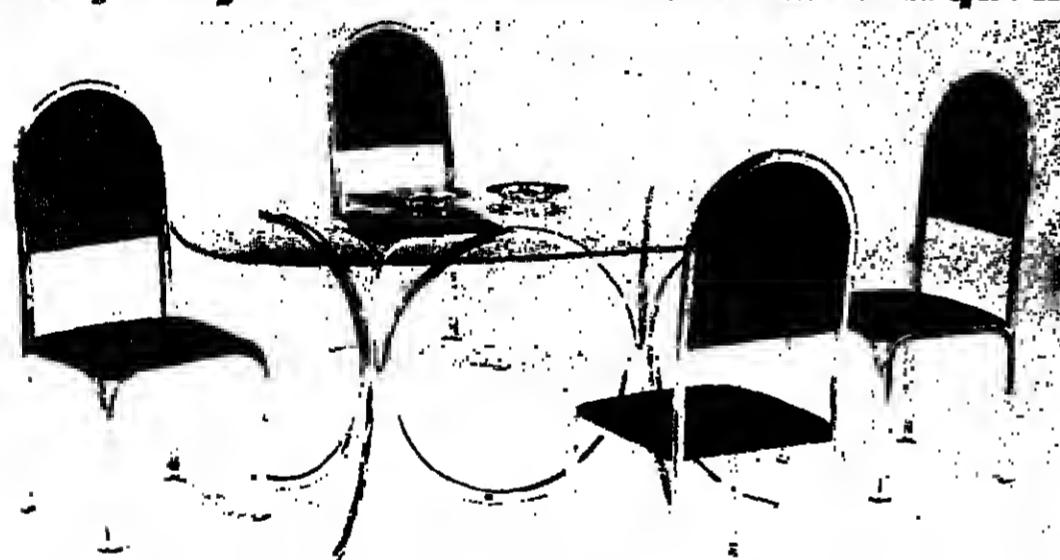
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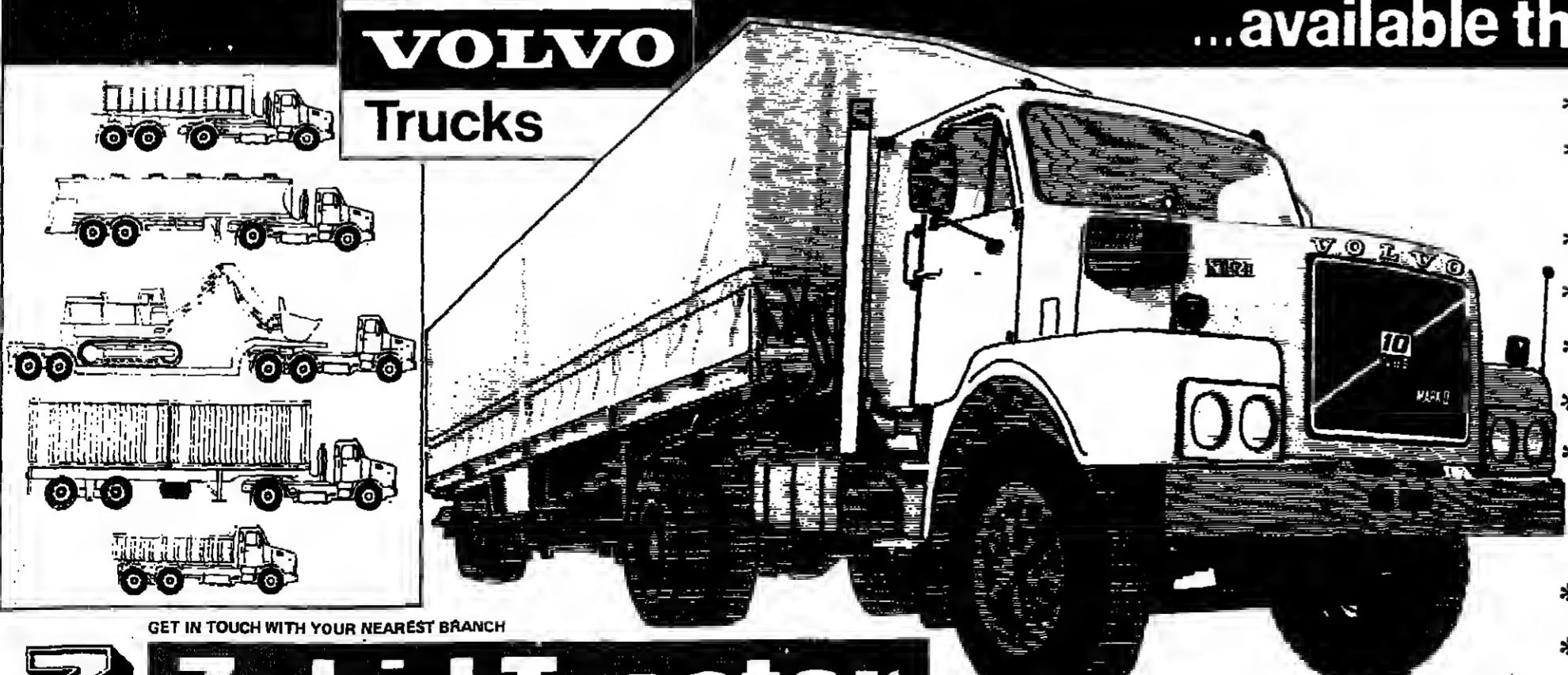
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**Kenyan president says****Libya agrees to Chad withdrawal**

NAIROBI, Oct. 31 (AP) — Libya has agreed to withdraw its troops from Chad as soon as a neutral pan-African peacekeeping force is in that country, Kenyan President Daniel Moi has said. Moi, who is also president of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said Friday that such a peacekeeping force would soon arrive in Chad.

A pan-African force could not attack the Libyan troops in Chad as Libya has agreed to a troop withdrawal, Moi said at Kitale near the Ugandan border, the Kenyan news agency reported. He said a number of countries, including Algeria, have agreed to con-

tribute troops to a peacekeeping force for Chad.

In N'djamena, Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei said Saturday he was convinced that the Libyan troops would leave his country "without any problem" or "unfortunate incidents." "I am convinced that Colonel Qaddafi is going to respect his word of honor," Goukouni said, noting that Libya had repeatedly said its troops would leave the country whenever the Chadian government wanted.

"Its task of assuring Chadian security has been accomplished," the president told reporters. "I believe that Libya can gallantly withdraw from our territory with its head high."

Goukouni asked the Libyans 11 months ago to help put down a rebellion led by former Defense Minister Hissen Habre, which had caused a bloody and devastating civil war.

On Thursday the Chadian government called for the total withdrawal of the Libyan troops from Chadian territory by the end of the year. Goukouni said Saturday that his demand was not linked with France's offer of logistical assistance to Chad, but that such aid would be welcome. "We need arms and munitions to equip our army," he said.

**Saleh, Assad hold talks**

DAMASCUS, Oct. 31 (R) — Visiting North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh conferred with Syrian President Hafez Assad Saturday.

No announcement was made on the nature of discussions, but they were believed to have dealt with bilateral relations and the Middle East situation.

Since his confirmation as prime minister by parliament Friday, Mussavi, the nuturing foreign minister, has made several statements indicating a certain moderation and pragmatism in his approach to the economy.

Only a few "additions" would be made to

existing programs, he said, adding: "At present, good programs are being carried out, but they are not linked, so we want to orient ourselves toward a planned economy."

In an interview in the *Islamic Republic* newspaper, Mussavi said: "The organization of the plan and the budget must become more active."

Only a few "additions" would be made to

**U.S. support for Israel blocks peace, China says**

PEKING, Oct. 31 (AP) — The United States and Soviet Union are "locked in a new round of rivalry" in the Middle East following the death of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, China has said. The official Xinhua news agency, in a Cairo dispatch Friday criticized U.S. support of Israel as a stumbling block to peace.

It said some Americans in Egypt believe that the United States must make a determined effort to solve the Palestinian problem, "the crux of the Arab-Israeli conflict." Otherwise, it said, "the United States can hardly hope to have better relations with the Arab countries and successfully counter the Soviet push southward."

It said Washington says it wants progress in Palestinian autonomy talks but "has refrained from applying pressure on Israel and its partiality remains unchanged."

**Pakistan assures India****Peace offer made 'in good faith'**

NEW DELHI, Oct. 31 (AP) — Pakistani Foreign Secretary Riaz Piracha voiced hope Saturday that India will accept his country's proposal for a no-war pact between the two neighboring nations.

Talking to reporters at New Delhi Airport after his arrival on an overnight stopover in India, Piracha, the second ranking Pakistani foreign ministry official, said the peace pact offer had been made "in good faith...because of the existing circumstances" and, therefore

deserved serious consideration.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on Thursday said Pakistan's offer of a no-war pact raised suspicions because of that country's acceptance of highly sophisticated weapons from the United States.

Mrs. Gandhi told a conference of Indian Air Force commanders that a peace pact had been repeatedly proposed by India in the 1950s and 60s but the offers were "spurned and ridiculed" by Pakistan.

**Autonomy talks resume Nov. 11**

CAIRO, Oct. 31 (R) — Egypt and Israel will resume negotiations on Palestinian autonomy in Cairo on Nov. 11, the Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said Saturday. Ghali told reporters

Israel had proposed the new date and Egypt had approved it provided it was agreeable to the U.S., third party to the talks.

The negotiations, to be held at ministerial level, were originally scheduled for Nov. 4.

**BRIEFS**

DACCA, (AFP) — Five persons were killed and 10 others were wounded, seven seriously, when an election campaign procession came under automatic weapons fire from unidentified attackers in southwestern Bangladesh Friday afternoon, the official BSS news agency reported.

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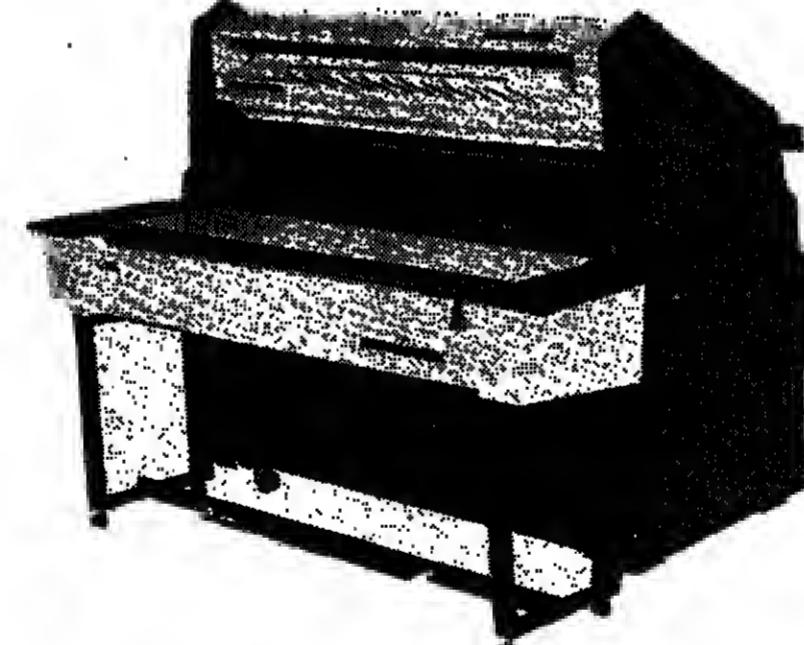


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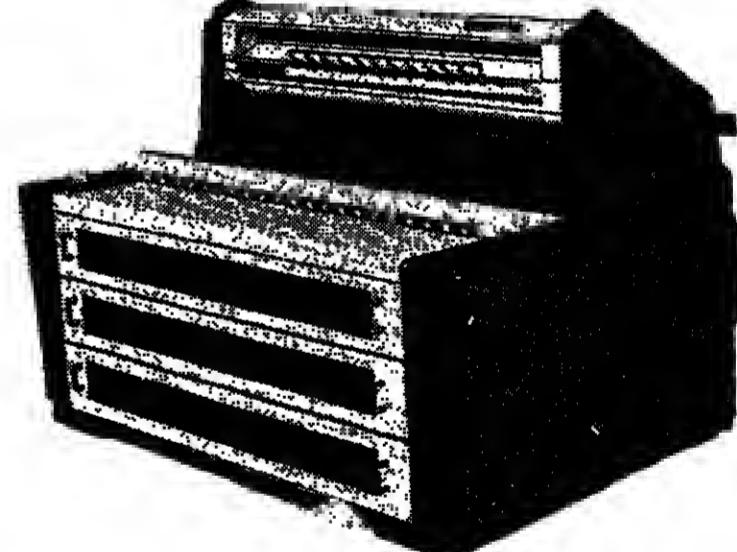
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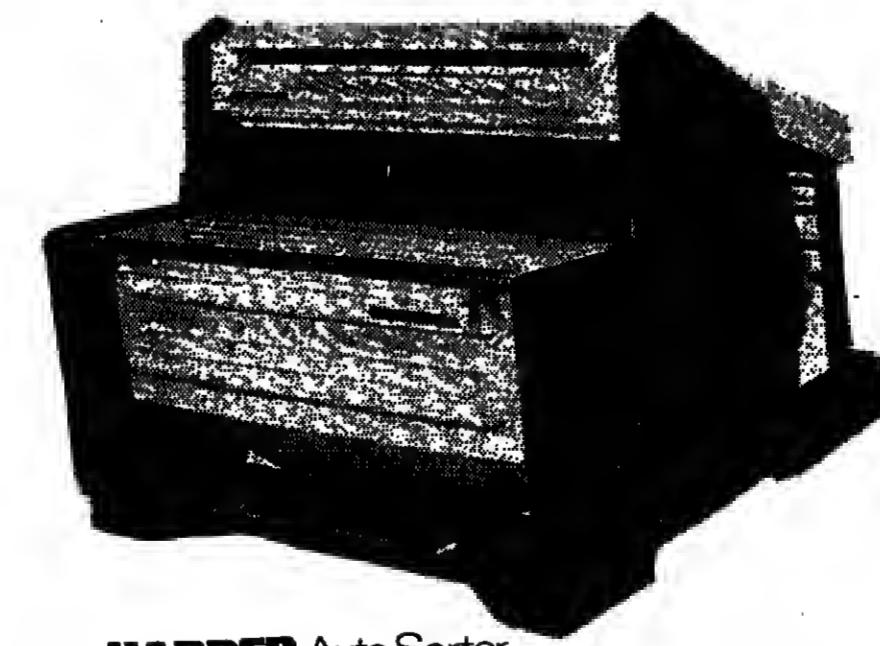
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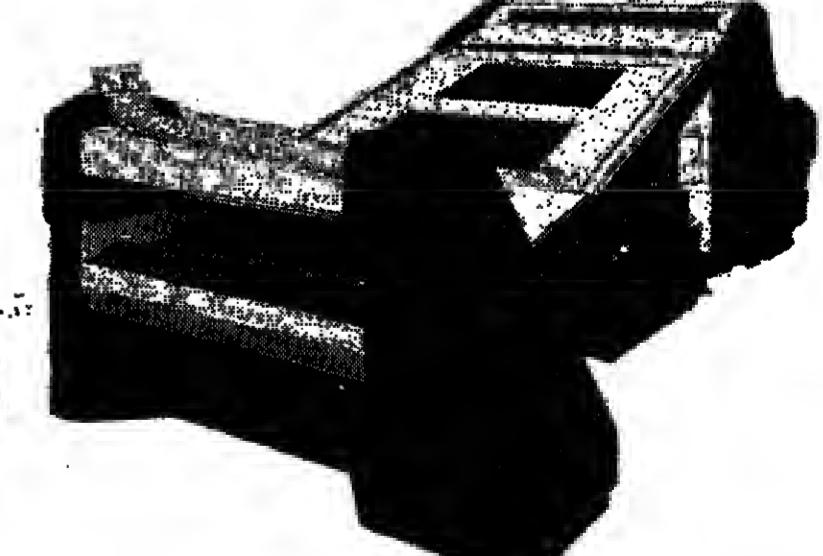
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# Young Arab artist developed style from roots, tradition

By Razma Siddiqi

JEDDAH — A philosophy graduate, an art historian a research student, but above all an artist, Ms. Wasma Khalid al-Chorbachi will publicly display a selection of her paintings and porcelain from November 5 at the Redec art gallery.

In an interview with *Arab News*, she spoke about her interest in art which she calls "her life" and years of hard work and research before she developed and matured her individualistic style of expression. When asked about her nationality, Ms. al-Chorbachi replied without hesitation "I am an Arab" — and that was that, no two ways about it. This strong ethnic identity coupled with the Islamic heritage have become the hallmark of all Wasma's artistic expressios.

Haifa bint Fahd al Sudairi, who is hosting Wasma's current visit to the Kingdom, and herself an art historian stated in the same interview "I feel that Wasma's work explains Arab and Islamic ideology it is something special and fits well in our part of the world and people should get a chance to see it." Ms. Chorbachi who has been busy working on her doctorate on Islamic art and Near East languages at Harvard University, and at the same time doing advance academic research on History of Islamic art and Islamic science was finally persuaded by her friend to take time off to come to Jeddah and exhibit some thirty of her beautiful silk paintings and a few porcelain plates.

Ms. Chorbachi's paintings on pure silk are a study in rhythmic grace and harmonious mingling of geometric designs with calligraphic artistry. She seems to be partial to blue and green colors which present an arresting background for stylized calligraphy in many of her paintings.

"I am most at ease with blue and green," says Wasma, "these colors of paradise, water and heaven flow in my works without besatation." She develops and mixes her own dyes to paint on white silk with large and soft rabbit hair brushes. Some Batik technique is involved where wax is used for contour and design separation in most of her paintings.

Wasma has spent years studying Islamic art and art history in order to understand it better and to project it in her paintings that could be identified as Arab and Muslim created by a Muslim.

Her art education started during her childhood years in Baghdad. She later studied in Beirut and went to Florence, the art capital of Europe, for her graduate work. She speaks candidly of those years when she was being educated in the western style and produced paintings to comply with western techniques in which her work had to be judged and criti-

cized. At the same time, to satisfy herself or to give as gifts, she created paintings in a completely diverse style, these were more akin to her own heritage and identity.

"I came to a realization at that stage that two things were happening to me," she said.

"On one hand, I was trying to reflect my own identity in pieces that I did for gifts and my own satisfaction and these had local and Islamic elements, linear and geometric designs, strong colors, and calligraphic greetings. On the other hand I was painting pictures that were assigned to me by my professors and I had to work within the framework of accepted Western art styles. I felt that more and more I was being moulded into a completely Western schooling and art tradition."

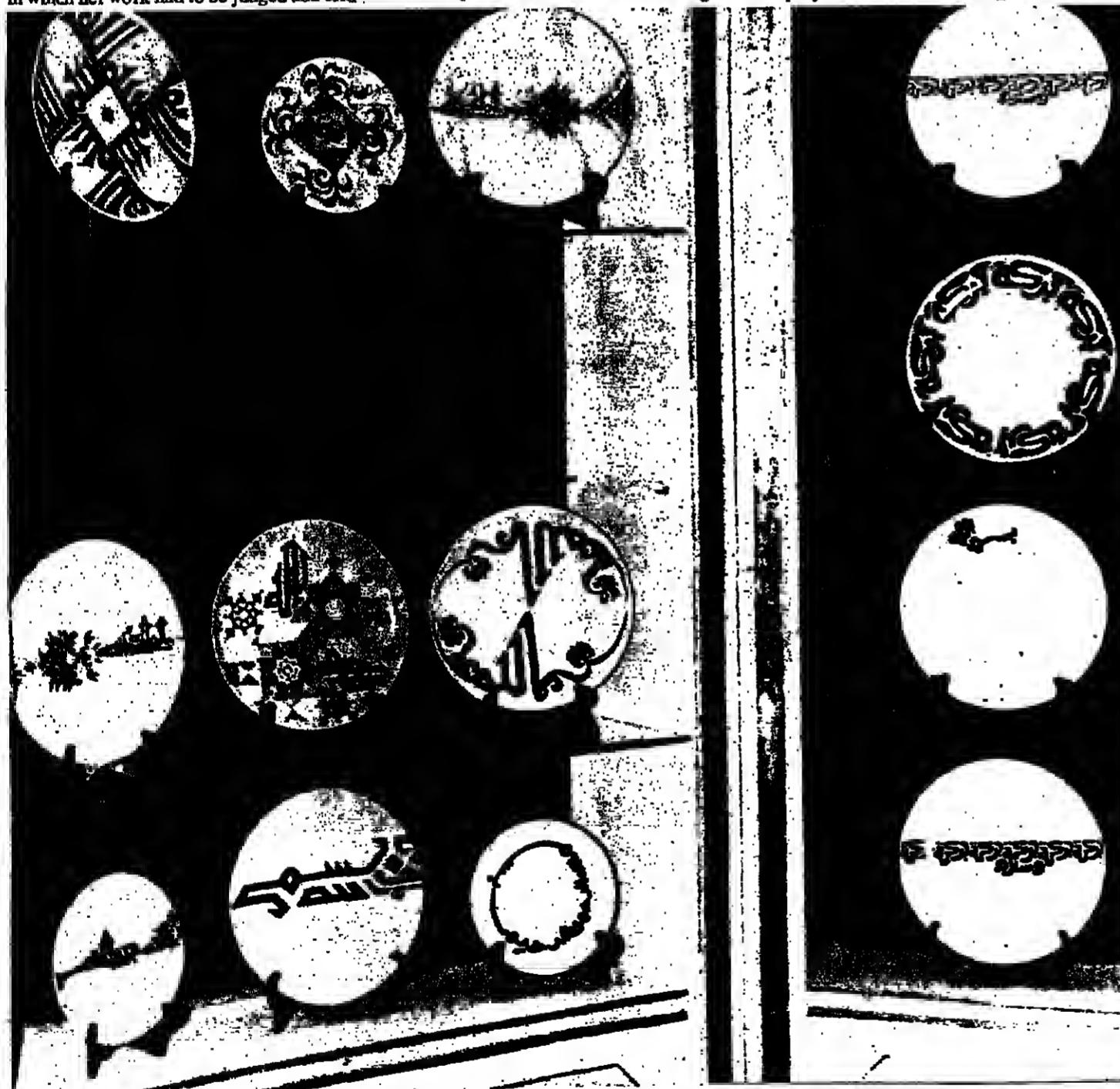
Haifa feels that "research sets the basics and it comes out in Wasma's paintings unconsciously." The artist herself agrees, "yes, it does pour out of me often unconsciously because I have been involved in it for so many years and for me the things, academics and painting, will always go together."

It must be the depth of understanding of the subject matter and techniques together with a natural talent and creativity that Wasma has become a master of the techniques employed by the artisans in the mosques, colorful tiles and beautiful murals of many centuries past. Looking at one of her large panels in hues of blues and greens where endless numbers of patterns have been derived from one basic shape — that of an eight pointed star, a motif common in Islamic designs. A calligraphic design around which the numerous star patterns revolve makes it infinitely interesting. In some of her paintings, calligraphy is more prominent like the one where "Bismillah" holds central place and seems to float in a hue green sea.

Missing from her paintings are human forms and figures and use of canvas and oil paints because, "These are alien to our style and technique." She says, "I have completely broken away from canvas and oil paint styles because I feel it limits one's creative imagination besides being very Western. I tried acrylics but found them 'very plastic'. She goes on to say "Islamic art, work and medium is more authentic and natural. I use natural silk material, often satin silk and my own dyes. These to me reflect more aesthetic tradition and beauty."

It was at this time she decided to put away all those paintings and get into the business of teaching herself about the Islamic art and cultural heritage, and not to bold and Wasma is out against the teaching of Western styles but that it should not be allowed to "step over and to cover and hide our own identity and being." Her friend Haifa agrees with these thoughts and added "our artists have to teach themselves about our own heritage, otherwise influenced by Western artists they will reflect Arab scenes only through Western style."

Ms. Chorbachi has for the past fifteen years been studying in great depth Islamic art and art history. At the same time she is developing an art style uniquely her own though mirroring Islamic and Arab traditions. She is at the moment doing research on relationship between science and art in Islamic civilization. She is also documenting the manuscripts in terms of scholarship, support, and patronage of local art and artists and art spaces throughout the Arab and Muslim world will hopefully project our own rich heritage and tradition."



PORCELAIN PLATES: Islamic and Arabic tradition and heritage are the motivation behind these unique designs.

## Polish drivers hit hard by shortages

By Thomas W. Netter

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A line of more than 150 taxis stretches away from their special filling station, around corners and along streets for nearly two miles (3.2 km), and people wait for hours at taxi stands. A teacher gets up at 5 a.m. on his day off to take his place in the line and wait for a shipment of fuel to arrive. When he reaches the station at 6 a.m., 79 cars are already there.

A darkened filling station, out of gasoline for the night, is the start of a line of 60 cars, all empty. Their drivers, like the station attendant, are home sleeping.

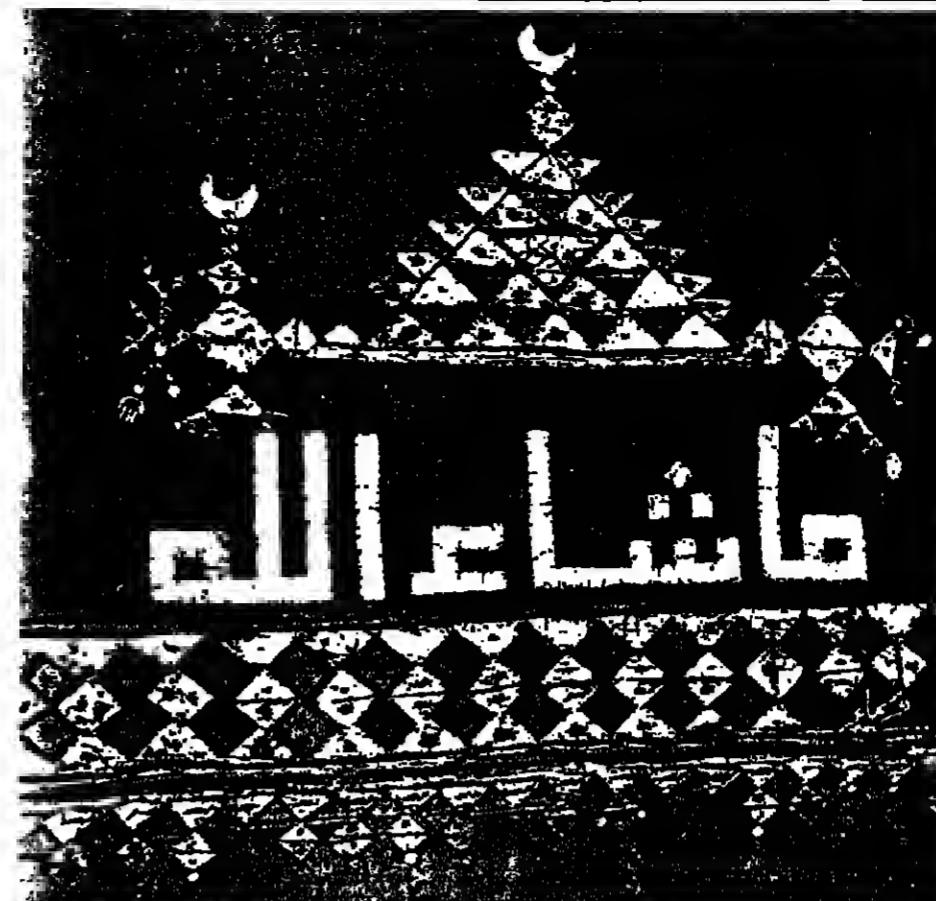
Filling the tank of a car in Poland these days means nine — and 10-hour waits, finding tricks to jump the line, taking turns watching friends' cars and so on to finally.

gasoline agency, will have only 70 percent of the fuel it needs to meet demand this month, officials said.

*Tribuna Ludu*, The Communist Party daily suggests that part of the problem is due to more people driving to outlying villages from the city to buy food there because of short supplies in city shops.

Many Poles also believe that people are buying gasoline in their cellars, on the chance that rationing and price hikes are coming as they have for other goods during the past 14 months of labor crisis here. Whatever the reasons, the long lines and long waiting times are breeding a new style of living as do other problems here.

In one gasoline line, where 256 cars waited all day, a young couple passed the time listening to blaring rock music from their tape recorder and eating a dinner they brought with them from their home.



SILK PAINTING: Done on pure silk, Wasma Khalid al-Chorbachi paints designs of rhythmic grace and a harmonious mingling of geometric designs with calligraphic artistry.

## Somalian nomads use the 'camel standard'

By Bernd Debusmann

HILWE WELL, Somalia, (R) — They groan and they moan, they belch and they belch, they whine and grunt as they try to edge their way past stick-wielding handlers to the trough, surrounded by a sea of camels.

Two or three times a month, up to 1,500 camels converge on this desert well north of Mogadishu, one of scores of similar watering holes in Somalia, the world's number one camel country.

There are more camels here than people, and more camels than anywhere else in the world. According to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the estimated 5.4 million camels in Somalia account for roughly a third of the global camel population.

"Look at them," said camel handler Muhammad Haider, pointing his stick to the bawling, noisy mass of beasts waiting their turn to drink up to 25 gallons in one go. "Finer animals you cannot find."

Somalia is one of only two countries in Africa (the other is Mauritania) where nomads account for the majority of the population, and Somali nomads still operate what a foreign expert described as "the camel standard, as opposed to the gold standard."

Although paper money is widely in use, a man's status is still measured by the number and quality of his camels. The exchange of gifts which seals a marriage is conducted in the medium of camels. And despite efforts to outlaw the practice, compensation when a man is killed is often rated in camels.

Camels supply all the needs of the nomad, from the rich milk that frequently forms the mainstay of his diet to the hide used for sandals to protect his feet on the long treks across the heat-seared plains and deserts of Somalia.

"Camels are necessary for our way of life," said Hassan Jama, the head of a nomad family of 18 camped near Hilwe Well. "Nothing can replace them. Now, camels are more valuable than before, because we have had bad, hard years."

A succession of droughts has cut into the grazing land available to Somalia's nomadic majority and driven up demand for camels. "Sheep and cattle and goat must stay near wells," said Hassan, "camels can forage far away."

A healthy male camel, weighing about 500 kg (1,100 pounds), now changes hands at around \$1,000 at the commercial rate of exchange, and a pregnant female goes for about \$1,400.

British schedule  
Nov. 2 coffee event

JEDDAH — A "coffee morning" for British wives will be held Nov. 2 at the residence of the British Ambassador at 10 a.m. Children are welcome.

The importance Somalis place on their camels is reflected by the fact that herding them is mao's work, while other animals are left to the care of women.

Somalis do not ride their camels, using them solely for the transport of their belongings, as breeding animals, or as a source of milk and meat.

Nomads say that females are easier to handle than male camels though both are liable to fits of rage and displays of bad temper.

Foreign experts here say that Somalia is unlikely to follow the example of many desert areas, where four-wheel-drive vehicles have replaced camels as the chief means of desert transport.

"There isn't enough money here, and very little petrol," said a U.N. official. "And besides, you can't eat your Toyota when there is a drought."

NEAR MOGADISHU: Due to recent droughts in Somalia, the camel has proven to be the most valuable form of livestock in an area where the nomad population plays a major role.

## Medfly pest is removed naturally

By Richard Boudreux

METAPA, Mexico, (AP) — Mexican scientists, victors in a four-year battle against the Mediterranean fruit fly, are trying to eliminate the pest from all of North America in a chemical-free campaign using the insect itself. At a laboratory in this town on the Guatemalan border, 500 million Medflies a week are sterilized with zaps of radiation and let loose over Mexico, Guatemala and California to sabotage their species breeding patterns.

"There is no reason why this pest, which is not native to our part of the world, cannot be driven all the way across the Panama canal," said Carlos Fredersdorf, 30, who lives and works here at the world's biggest fly farm.

He and other biological warriors here are among Mexico's best young agrobiologists and biologists. Recruited from universities, they are conspicuous around town in shirts emblazoned with an oversized fly, emblem of the \$17 million "Moscamed" (Spanish for Medfly) eradication program financed by the U.S. and Mexican governments.

Their enemy is the destructive little fly that breeds 10 generations a year, slips with ease across vast oceans and lays eggs under the skin of some 200 kinds of produce that eventually wither and die.

It has raised havoc with California farmers who are spraying the pesticide malathion to try to eliminate it. The Medfly is a major threat to the state's multi-billion dollar fruit crop.

Originally from Africa, the Medfly reached Central America in 1955 and spread through the coffee belt there, living off the coffee bean's fruity skin. Because the pest did not destroy other moey crops, cotton and bananas — governments ignored it.

But when the Medfly infested Mexico's southern Chiapas in 1977, it threatened a \$1.5 billion fruit industry to the north. Three years of aerial spraying with malathion stopped the advance, and a continuing mop-up operation with sterile flies has virtually eliminated it.

All 103 fertile flies trapped in Mexico this year were within a few miles of heavily infested Guatemala, and none has turned up since Aug. 2.

Patrick Patton, the 29-year-old coordinator of Mexico's Medfly program, said the sterile fly technique works only if an infestation is so low that the laboratory-bred fly overwhelems its cousins by a ratio of 100 or more to 1.

"We were sending 122 million sterile flies a week to California, but the infestation there was just too high," Patton said. The shipments stopped in July, with the start of aerial spraying in California, and are expected to resume when the fertile population there is low enough he added.

The Mexican government's plan to spray here met some public opposition but nothing like the outcry in California, where malathion is still raining on densely populated areas infested by the Medfly. The aerial insecticide campaign has about two weeks left to run.

"When the pest invaded Mexico, we had to attack and there was no time to inform the public," said fly lab director Arturo Schwartz, 26. "Now we have a campaign to thank the people of Chiapas, on behalf of the whole republic, for their cooperation in stopping the Medfly."

One Mexican study of the malathion, which ended last year, showed it was unrelated to coffee crop damage in the area. Another study found no ill effect on locally grown food, but the U.S. Agriculture Department called the sampling inadequate.

In Central America, where the fly is out of control, the human obstacles are greater. Patton is plotting a military-like offensive within a 1,000-mile (1,600km) long isthmus that he says could take 10 years.

But in Guatemala, the government opposes aerial spraying and trucks used for ground surveys of Medfly infestation are often hijacked by leftist guerrillas for use in their effort to topple the government.

In a holding action, Mexico is sending 150 million sterile Medflies a week for airdrop in a relatively peaceful mountainous strip across central Guatemala. This east-west "barrier" shields Mexico's Yucatan while daily fly drops over Chiapas give protection along the heavily infested southwestern border with Guatemala.

# Africans appeal for Salim

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 31 (AP) — The 51-nation African group has appealed to all 15 members of the Security Council to vote for Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, the Organization of African Unity's slumping candidate for U.N. secretary-general.

In a communique issued after an ambassador-level meeting at OAU headquarters in New York, the group made a special appeal for support of Salim to "the one permanent member" it said had "consistently opposed the OAU's candidate."

The United States, one of the five veto-holding permanent members of the council, is believed to have voted against Salim on all six of the secret ballots the council took Tuesday and Wednesday in its futile efforts to nominate a secretary-general for the five-year term to start next Jan. 1.

Salim is contesting the re-election of Kurt Waldheim of Austria, who is seeking an unprecedented third term as secretary-general. The council will hold private talks Tuesday afternoon on what to do next and may decide to consider other candidates.

## Soviets accuse U.S. of mass human rights violations

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 31 (R) — The Soviet Union said Friday the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had a computerized catalogue of 160 million Americans to check on their political loyalty. It also charged that innocent Americans were thrown into prisons and psychiatric institutions "on a mass scale" because of their political convictions.

Maria Kravcheko of the Soviet Union was speaking in the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee a day after a U.S. representative had charged that up to 1,000 political dissidents were kept in mental institutions, along with 3,000 or 4,000 others who had simply complained to the Soviet bureaucracy.

The Soviet representative said scientific and technological achievements in a number of countries, particularly the United States, were used for mass violations of human rights and for establishing a system of total surveillance or interfering in people's personal lives.

She continued: "One hundred and sixty million American citizens, through the use of the newest achievements of technology and with the use of computers, have been recorded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation into a special card catalogue for checks on political loyalty."



**U.N. CONTENDERS:** Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, candidate of the nonaligned movement as well as the African group for the post of U.N. secretary-general, and incumbent Kurt Waldheim (right), who is seeking an unprecedented third five-year term.

besides Waldheim and Salim.

The African communique added: "The group also expressed its concern for the attitude of the two permanent members who have consistently abstained and appeals to them to reconsider their position." The Soviet Union and Britain are believed to have abstained from voting on Salim.

"The African group," the communique concluded, "also urges all members of the council to support Africa's candidate."

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and psychiatric institutions "carry out a whole program of changing people's psyches and the behavior of these forcibly detained patients."

The American police also studied "such devices of mass repression against whole groups of people whom they declare to be mentally disturbed," she added.

They were forcibly subjected to "all types of experiments," while the staff or prisons

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Roberto Guevara da la Serna, identified as a brother of the late leftist guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara, was arrested here Friday for questioning after it was learned he is a top-ranking member of Argeotina's Revolutionary Workers Party.

LIMA (R) — Four top military officers were sworn into Peru's government Friday after a surprise cabinet reshuffle which commentators said indicated a swing to the right by President Fernando Belaunde Terry. The reshuffle, affecting the ministries of the interior, army, navy and air force, was triggered by the resignation last Tuesday of Interior Minister Jose Maria de la Jara.

# U.S., China differ on arms sales to Taipei

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — The United States and Communist China discussed, but apparently failed to resolve, differences over U.S. arms sales to the Nationalist Republic of China in lengthy discussions here, leaders of both nations have indicated.

But Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig said following a three-hour meeting here Friday that they had agreed to continue their talks at a later date. Huang said the talks were

"frank and friendly." Haig said the talks were "very frank and very friendly."

Acknowledging differences in the discussions, Haig told reporters: "There are always some differences of view, as you would expect. There have always been."

Huang, appearing briefly with Haig after their meeting, told reporters the two sides had "a discussion on a wide range of important issues in the current international situation. The two sides have also discussed prob-

lems existing in Sino-U.S. relations."

On the issue of U.S. arms sales to the Peking government, Huang said no date had been set for an arms-buying mission to the United States by China. Haig had said during a visit to Peking in June that such a mission would come to the United States in August, but it was since postponed.

During his two-day official visit to Washington, Huang also met with President Reagan, Vice President George Bush.

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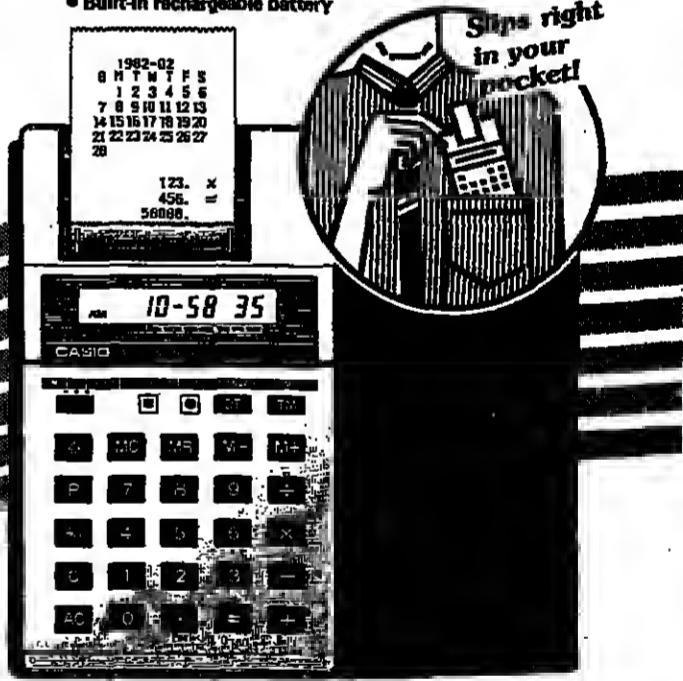
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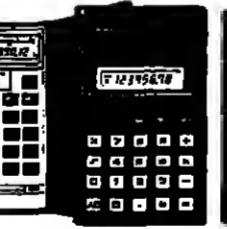
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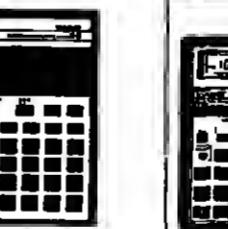
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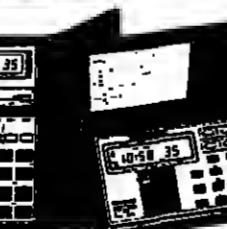
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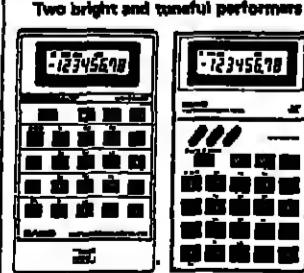


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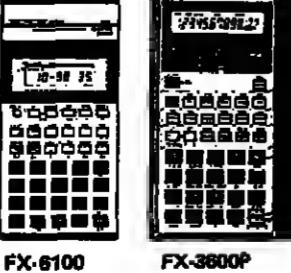
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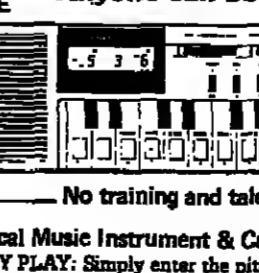
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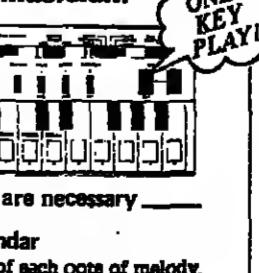
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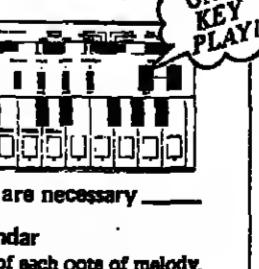
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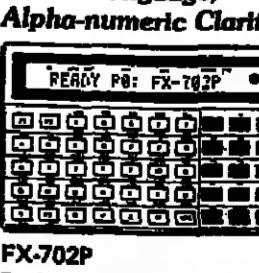


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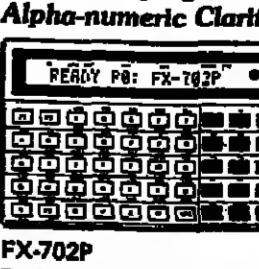


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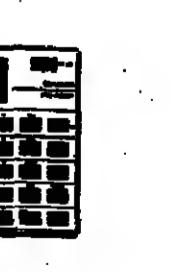
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## Bush decries anti-war marches

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — U.S. Vice President George Bush said that European anti-war protesters are mimicking Soviet propaganda and suggested that banning nuclear weapons in Western Europe would lead to Soviet domination of the continent.

"The Soviet disinformation apparatus is as disquieting as it is dishonest, but it has not been unsuccessful," Bush said in a prepared speech delivered at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In recent weeks, massive demonstrations

were staged in London, Paris, Berlin and Rome opposing installations of new nuclear weapons in Europe by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"The rhetoric that we heard from some of the spokesmen (for the protesters) was oddly consonant with the editorial line of Tass (the Soviet news agency) and Pravda (the Soviet Communist newspaper) and other landmarks of free speech," Bush said.

The vice president said the participants lacked the perspective provided by World War II and the German buildup that pre-

ceded it, and that they were "attracted by the argument that the world has more to fear from America than it does from the Soviet Union."

"That alone really ought to give these demonstrators pause," he said. "Pacifism and Soviet ideology are as incompatible as sheep and wolves, but the latter always fashions clothing out of the former's wool."

Bush began his remarks by declaring that he was in Cambridge "to announce our policy on nuclear war. We're against it." From some of the speeches and signs at the European demonstrations, he said, "one might deduce that the major threat to peace in the world is the United States." He called this "one of the exquisite ironies of our times."

Bush said that with no effective deterrent to the Soviet Union's missiles and troops along its western borders, allied soldiers, including 375,000 Americans, and "the entire population of Western Europe are hostage to the Soviet Union."

"Remove the deterrent and you increase the chances of conflict," he said. "If the history of the past 50 years teaches us anything, it is that peace does not follow disarmament. Disarmament follows peace."

"If by banning the bomb in Western Europe we ensure the eventual domination of it by the Soviet Union, either by direct military conquest or by nuclear blackmail, then what do we accomplish?" Bush asked.

New U.S. ambassador denies spying in Peru

LIMA, Peru, Oct. 31 (AP) — Ambassador Frank Ortiz of the United States has denied that he had ever been involved in illegal intelligence operations in Peru.

"I have been a career diplomat for nearly 30 years and I continue being one," Ortiz told reporters Friday on his first day in Peru as President Reagan's new ambassador. "Those who take upon themselves to sustain such allegations know very well that they are false and falsehoods have no force against the truth," he said.

Leftist newspapers and 60 American missionaries and scholars living in Peru have alleged that Ortiz was forced to leave Peru on his first diplomatic assignment here because the Peruvian government believed he was directing spy operations here.

Ortiz and his wife Dolores arrived Friday from Panama, where he was the diplomatic counsellor at the U.S. Southern Command.

## 'Vampire' jailed for murder

BROCKTON, Massachusetts, Oct. 31 (AP) — A man described as a self-proclaimed vampire was convicted Friday of murdering his grandmother by shooting her with gold-tipped bullets, then trying to drink her blood from the bullet wounds.

Superior Court Judge Peter F. Brady sentenced James P. Riva, 24, to a mandatory life sentence. He will not be eligible for parole for at least 27 years. The jury of nine men and three women deliberated for about three hours. Brady said he would recommend that the correction department consider whether to send Riva to a mental hospital instead of prison.

Prosecutors said Riva shot his grandmother, Carmen Lopez, 74, on April 10, 1980, then burned her body and her house. Mrs. Lopez was an invalid confined to a wheelchair.

Riva's mother, Janet Jones, testified Monday that her son told her, "I've been a vampire for four years ... Voices told me I had to be a vampire and I had to drink blood for a long time. I've been talking with the devil for a long time."

Mrs. Jones said her son said he tipped some bullets with gold paint because vampires told him the bullets "would find their mark." She quoted Riva as saying he was not able to drink his grandmother's blood because "she was old and dried up."

Mrs. Jones testified Riva wanted to "kill everybody who hated him and come back and be handsome, have a car and his life would be fine." Defense Attorney John Spingle asked for acquittal by reason of insanity. He read the jury reports from mental hospitals where Riva had been treated.

## Tiny Antigua becomes free today

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, Oct. 31 (R) — The tiny British-associated state of Antigua, composed of the Caribbean islands of Antigua, Barbuda and Redonda, will become independent from Britain Sunday. The three-island state covers an area of 170.5 square miles (440 square kilometers) and has been self-governing since 1967, with Britain retaining responsibility for defense and external affairs. Redonda is uninhabited.

Over 73,000 of the country's 75,000 inhabitants live in Antigua. Most are descendants of Africans, but a small minority are of British, Portuguese, Lebanese and Syrian origin. Britain's Queen Elizabeth will be represented on Sunday by her sister, Princess Margaret, at the official opening of parliament, a state banquet and a flag-raising

ceremony.

Other foreign delegations, including a 13-man mission led by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Clark will attend the official ceremonies. Negotiations for the independence of Antigua, which will become the 46th Commonwealth member, took place in London in December 1980.

The negotiations focused on such questions as constitutional safeguards for Barbuda whose representatives had pressed for the creation of two separate states or retention of the island under British control.

Antigua's economy has performed well in the past few years with an average growth rate of 7.5 percent between 1977 and 1979, but the World Bank has warned the country's leaders of the dangers of over-dependence on tourism.

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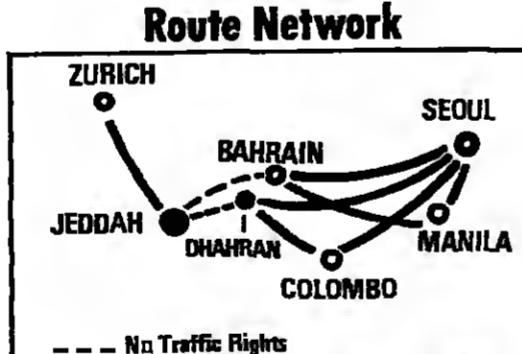
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## New York set to re-elect Koch mayor

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (R) — Murder, robbery and attacks on women are on the increase. The city's roads, sewers and underground rail network are failing apart. But next Tuesday Edward Koch will be re-elected mayor of New York virtually unopposed.

Many New Yorkers groan at the very mention of Mayor Koch's name, regarding him as overbearing demagogue. Among the city's trades unions and minority groups, which can make or break a politician, he has few friends. But Koch, a Democrat, is also the Republican Party's candidate to continue the job he began in 1977.

This runs against the normal tide of events.

Traditionally New Yorkers like to hold their mayor responsible for what goes wrong, the moment it goes wrong. And in New York, in 1981, there is plenty wrong. Altogether 1,814 murders were committed in the city during 1980 and this year the murder rate is running five percent higher. Robberies are reported by the police department to be up 14.6 percent on last year.

The police grimly note that almost all other crime categories are rising. An army of convicted muggers and burglars is on the street because the jails are too crowded.

When Koch, a former liberal congressman, took over the city it had just narrowly

avoided bankruptcy. He spent his first four years dumping conventional New York liberal politics to balance budgets and rebuild business confidence. Having done that he now says he is prepared to increase city services, including adding more police, firemen and teachers.

Because of the money crisis, New York's police force was cut from 32,000 men to 23,000 even though crime increased. More cuts in the pipeline would make life even more difficult for the 56-year-old lawyer whom President Ronald Reagan has described as his favorite mayor.

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# U.S. farm exports touch \$43.8b mark

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — The United States exports of agricultural commodities were worth a record \$43.8 billion in the year that ended on Sept. 30, up 8 percent from 1979-80, the U.S. Agriculture Department has said.

However, the sales total was \$4.7 billion less than the \$48.5 billion forecast a year ago for the 1980-81 fiscal year. Moreover, for the first time in years the actual volume of commodities shipped dropped slightly from the previous year.

Richard A. Smith, administrator of the department's foreign agricultural service, said Friday the 8 percent increase in value resulted from "higher unit prices for U.S. products" sold to foreign buyers. Although the export value set a record for the 12th

## Czechs face economic crisis

PRAGUE, Oct. 31 (AFP) — Czechoslovakia's economic situation is grim and citizens are likely to feel the pinch, President Ludmír Strougal said in a speech before the Communist Party leadership.

His statements, carried by the official CTK news agency Friday, suggested that his country may be feeling the ripples from the economic difficulties of other Eastern bloc countries, its main trading partners.

## Italy tops Europe in petrol price

ROME, Oct. 31 (AFP) — Italy now holds the European record for high gasoline (petrol) prices, with a liter of premium now selling for 995 lira, the equivalent of \$3.23 a gallon.

The price would have passed the threshold of 1000 lira a liter if the counters on gasoline pumps had been equipped for four digits. Premium gasoline prices have risen six-fold since 1970, when the cost was 162 lira a liter.

The owners of Italy's 19 million cars — one for every three citizens — are in an uproar over the increases, and unions and consumer groups have protested.

In a communiqué, the Fiat car firm accused the government of always "choosing the easiest solution, hitting the automobile owner and the production sector which is already going through a serious world crisis."

Tourists in Italy, however, probably will pay several hundred lire less per liter, by means of a special coupon plan. The exact savings to tourists have not yet been made public.

The government said it raised gasoline prices by 65 lire a liter to compensate for deficits of the National Office of Electricity, which reportedly does not have enough funds to carry out its nuclear power program.

## Pest menace spells famine for Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Oct. 31 (R) — An insect not previously seen in Africa is devouring food and property in central Tanzania and has made famine there almost a certainty, according to a team of British entomologists sent to identify the pest.

Substantial value increases were shown for wheat and flour, up 22 percent from the previous year, fruit, nuts and vegetables, up 18 percent, and sugar and tropical products, up 61 percent.

On a volume basis, the agency said last year's exports totaled 162.3 million metric tons, down from about 163.9 million in 1979-80. Shipments of wheat and flour showed a 17 percent increase in tonnage shipped, while declines were reported for feed grains, soybeans and soybean products.

The pest was identified two weeks ago by experts from Britain's Tropical Products Institute sent to Tanzania by the British government after local efforts at identification failed.

The entomologists said the insect, which has spread throughout the Tabora region, in west-central Tanzania, is prosophaenus truncatus, commonly known as the greater grain borer.

A survey of villages in the region by the British team revealed that 30 percent of stored maize had already been devoured, and that silos, wooden farming tools and household utensils were also being eaten. "Widespread famine is a certainty," the report said.

Masanja said efforts were being made to contain the pest by stopping maize and other grains from being milled out of the region of about 800,000 people. Grain stores in Tabora were being sprayed and surrounding regions and neighboring countries had been warned to look out for the insect, he said. He said up to 40,000 tons of maize will be needed to prevent famine in Tabora.

The insect was first noticed in the region more than a year ago and, apparently because it is relatively large and fast moving, was given the name "scania" by local farmers who thought it resembled the heavy duty Swedish trucks assembled in Tanzania.

## Abu Dhabi to host industrial show

ABUDHABI Oct. 31 (WAM) — The first Arabian Gulf industrial exhibition and conference will be held in Abu Dhabi from Nov. 24 to 30.

Sponsored by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the exhibition aims at introducing and promoting the industrial capabilities of the Arab Gulf states explained by participants from the public sectors of the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar and Oman including most of the oil companies operating in the region.

Industrial products from more than eight countries will be displayed, making the exhibition a significant event in this part of the world.

## Wall Street

# Interest rate drop triggers market rally

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (AP) — The past several days have given Wall Street another tantalizing taste of lower interest rates, and the depressed stock and bond markets have responded with a glimmer of optimism.

Even some of the most steadfastly pessimistic forecasters have lately acknowledged that interest rates in the United States appear headed lower in the immediate future.

Henry Kaufman, the prominent Salomon Brothers economist, took that view in the weekly commentary he wrote Friday for weekend distribution to the firm's clients.

By early Friday afternoon, the contents of his "Comments on Credit" letter had found their way into Wall Street's trading rooms, and salesmen and traders quickly spread the word by telephone. The result was a spirited rally in stock prices, as well as a scramble to buy interest-bearing investments ranging from short-term treasury bills to long-term bonds.

Hours later, the Federal Reserve lowered its discount rate — the charge it sets on loans to member commercial banks — from 14 percent to 13 percent. The pre-halloween upside of 19.60 points enabled the Dow Jones Industrial average to post a 14.56 gain to 852.55 for the past week.

The New York stock exchange composite index rose 1.55 to 70.64, and the American stock exchange market value index picked up

5.80 to 312.02. Big Board Volume averaged 47.59 million shares a day, against 44.85 million the week before.

The Dow Jones Industrials closed out October with a net gain of 2.57, breaking a string of monthly losses the average dating back to last March.

Kaufman concluded that the sagging U.S. economy and slower-than-expected growth in the money supply had left room for the Federal Reserve to ease up on credit while still pursuing its campaign against inflation. He said the closely watched rate on federal funds, overnight loans between banks, which has been hovering between 14 percent and 15 percent lately, could fall one to two percentage points.

Declining open-market money rates would be likely to prompt a similar drop in the bank prime lending rate, now at 17.5 percent to 18 percent, he added. That in turn could provide some "modest benefit" for the bond market, the forecast declared.

Kaufman has long held a dim view of the long-term outlook for interest rates. Though he gave no indication Friday of changing that opinion, analysts said any positive comments from him were bound to touch off a strong response.

Wall Street has had numerous outbreaks of "peak fever" in the past couple of years as

traders looked for a turning point in interest rates. To date, each one has given way to renewed upward pressure on rates, and accompanying losses for any trader holding interest-bearing securities. So many a Wall Streeter now views any bond market rally with a skepticism born of unpleasant experience.

In addition, the cornerstone of the current case for lower interest rates is the prospect of a deepening recession, which raises separate concerns for the stock market — namely, declining corporate earnings and possible dividend disappointments.

Investors will be watching closely early next week when General Motors, which recently reported a \$468 million third-quarter loss, announces its quarterly dividend.

And even in a lackluster economy, some analysts say lower interest rates are by no means a given. Arnold X. Moskowitz, economist at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., said in a recent bulletin that he still expects long-term interest rates to hit new highs.

"The stagnant economy will take its toll on corporate profits and cash flow, raising corporate credit demands heavily," he argued. "On top of that, he said, heavy borrowing by the federal government will continue to crowd out the corporate sector from the bond market."

**World Bank falls on banks to boost lending**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — In line with U.S. President Ronald Reagan's insistence on private lending to poor countries, A.W. Clausen, president of the World Bank, reported Friday that for the first time this year it is lending more in cooperation with private banks than it is lending more in cooperation with private banks than in cooperation with governments and other official bodies.

Clausen, who used to head the private

Bank of America, has been emphasizing the role of co-financing in the development of poor countries. The World Bank consists of 141-member governments which have joined together to help such countries. Most of its lending — over \$12.2 billion in the year that ended June 30 — is done with funds of its own.

This year, Clausen said, it also attracted \$1.7 billion in private co-financing, a growing source of help. This compared with \$1.6 billion in co-financing from official sources, a figure which has been declining.

"Private lending and investment account for about 60 percent of the international financing that the developing countries receive," he said. "And, because of restricted government budgets all over the world, private sources becoming even important to the developing countries."

Clausen pointed out that U.S. exports to poor countries are now greater than those in Europe, the Soviet Union and China combined. "In my opinion," he said, "closer economic cooperation with Third World

countries makes nothing but good economic sense for the United States and for all industrialized nations."

He argued against protection from international competition, which he said cost U.S. taxpayers \$80,000 a year for each job protected in the U.S. textile industry, and \$114,000 for each job in the shoe industry. The U.S. system of minimum "trigger" prices for steel costs Americans \$6 billion annually, he estimated.

"International trade is among the most effective supply-side reforms," he said. "It puts a brake on rising prices and, at the same time, makes for a more productive economy and increased economic welfare."

In a speech prepared for the U.S. National Trade Council, a private organization,

**China urged to expand private sector**

PEKING Oct. 31 (AFP) — A Chinese daily paper Saturday called for the expansion of private enterprises, stressing that the private sector could provide work for the large number of jobless youths.

The *Guangming Intellectual Daily*, deplored "under-development" of retail trade and services, said the number of private businesses remained insufficient to meet needs despite restoration of the private economy in 1979. Noting that China now had only 550,000 small businesses compared with 10 million in 1951, the paper said the private economy had developed mainly in the southern province of Guangdong and northeastern

province of Lianning.

Seventy percent of these small enterprises were groceries, restaurants and craftsmen's shops, while 10 percent of traders were retired people and another 16 percent young graduates, it said.

The daily chided some young graduates it said preferred to wait for a job in a state enterprise rather than work in a small business. Analysts said this attitude was motivated by the lack of social protection and pension schemes for private traders, a situation which for the young often means they cannot find a spouse.

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# United stages fine rally to beat Notts

LONDON, Oct. 31 (R) — Manchester United stood top of the English Soccer League Saturday, thanks to face-saving goals by Garry Birtles and Remi Moses.

Visitors Notts County had threatened a shock win when Ian McCulloch put them ahead in the first half but United recovered and sealed a 2-1 victory to remain one goal ahead of rivals Ipswich on goal difference.

Ipswich kept in close touch with their Northern rivals by recording a useful 1-0 away win over champions Aston Villa. Russell Osman cracked his first goal of the season in the ninth minute which proved enough for his side's third successive league triumph over Villa, who remained floundering in mid-table.

A 90th minute goal Poi Corbett gave Tottenham a 2-1 victory at Southampton and lifted them into the third place at the expense of Swansea, who were held to a goalless draw at Wolverhampton.

Ray Clemence saved an 86th minute penalty to give Tottenham a nerve-tightening victory. Tottenham with one of the best away records in the league went ahead through Graham Roberts' header after 24 minutes, but Steve Moran equalized less than a minute later and when Keegan tripped Keegan it looked odd on a Southampton win.

But Clemence, whose shaky start at Spurs is now well behind him caused his former Liverpool colleague Keegan to miss from the spot for the first time in six attempts this season. Southampton slumped and Spurs substitute Pat Cortett hit a late winner, four minutes after coming on.

West Bromwich striker Cyrille Regis scored his second hat-trick of the season away to local rivals Birmingham City, but West Bromwich had to settle for a 3-2 draw.

Archie Gemmill gave Birmingham the lead with his first goal of the season before Regis netted his three goals, the first his 50th in the First Division. Tony Evans and Frank Worthington then scored to give Birmingham a

share of the points.

Age Hareide, Manchester City's Norwegian international, celebrated his First Division debut by creating the winning goal against Everton at Goodison Park.

Hareide's deep cross was headed home by Dennis Tueart midway through the second half. The goal wrecked Everton's unbeaten home record.

Graham Rix's 64th minute goal gave Arsenal a 1-0 home win over Coventry while West Ham beat Middlesbrough 3-2 in an exciting encounter at Upton Park.

Jimmy Neighbour, Paul Goddard and Ray Stewart (penalty) gave the London club a 3-1 lead but Bobby Thompson reduced the deficit, also with a penalty. Billy Woof was Middlesbrough's other marksman.

## English Soccer results

English Division One		
Arsenal	1	Coventry
Aston Villa	0	0
Birmingham	3	West Bromwich
Bolton	0	3
Everton	0	0
Manchester United	2	Notts County
Nottingham Forest	1	Leeds
Southampton	0	1
Sunderland	0	Liverpool
Swansea	3	Wolves
West Ham	3	Middlesbrough
Barnsley	1	Orient
Blackburn	0	Wrexham
Cambridge United	2	Shiffield
Charlton	1	QPR
Derby	0	Grimsby
Leicester	0	Sheffield Wednesday
Leeds	1	Crystal Palace
Norwich	0	Bolton
Oldham	3	Newcastle
Rotherham	6	Chester
Shrewsbury	0	Watford
Brentford	0	Burnley
Bristol City	0	Chesterfield
Chester	2	Reading
Douglas	4	Bristol Rovers
		Queen of South
		Motherwell
Division Two		
Aberdeen	1	Dundee United
Airtridgeman	1	Celtic
Dundee	0	Hibernian
Morton	0	St. Mirren
Rangers	2	Partick
Clydebank	2	Ayr United
Dundee	1	St. Johnstone
Falkirk	1	Dumbarton
Hamilton	2	Queen's Park
Hearts	0	East Fife
Kilmarnock	1	Raith Rovers
Queen of South	0	Motherwell
Scottish Premier Division		

## Noah gets past Nastase

# Unseeded Van Patten ousts McEnroe

TOKYO, Oct. 31 (Agencies) — Top-seeded John McEnroe, the Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, was a surprise semi-final victim to unseeded American Vince Van Patten who beat him 6-3, 7-5 in the \$300,000 Seiko Super Tennis Tournament here Saturday.

Van Patten, 24, a part-time movie actor, ranked only 82 on the ATP standings started the season with recurring flu and recently pulled his right shoulder muscles. But he played well enough Saturday to pull off the best win of his career.

He clashes in the final with Australian Mark Edmondson who ousted Heinz Günthardt of Switzerland 7-6, 6-4 in the other semi-final on the fast, artificial court at the Yoyogi Olympic Stadium.

Van Patten, whose previous best performance this season was a second-round victory in the U.S. Professional Championship in Boston last July said afterwards that he had served and volleyed well. He served down three aces against three double faults to an erratic seven of each from McEnroe.

Van Patten said, "McEnroe was in good shape. But I was in better condition." He said he really wanted to win the first-prize money of \$55,000 his first tournament victory this season.

McEnroe said, "He played well. My feet were heavy."

Earlier in the day, the Men's International Professional Tennis Council fined 22-year-old McEnroe \$750 for insulting Bill Scanlon during their quarter-final match Friday. He



John McEnroe

had already been fined \$750 for shouting at tournament supervisor Bill Gilmore of Australia who the umpire failed to call serve of his opponent, Tsuyoshi Fukui of Japan, during their second encounter two days ago.

Van Patten, whose latest movie appearance was in a horror piece, "Hell Night", with Linda Blair of the "Exorcist" fame, joked that his next goal would be Wimbledon.

Van Patten broke McEnroe's service in the opening game but doublefaulted in the fourth game to tie the score 2-2. Van Patten broke McEnroe's serve twice more to take the set.

## Greg, Kent in breezy stand

BRISBANE, Oct. 31 (AFP) — Queensland's Test batsmen Greg Chappell, (162) and Martin Kent (91) issued their warning to the Pakistani touring team for the three-Test series ahead this summer with a partnership of 192 in 160 minutes at the Brisbane Cricket Ground Saturday.

In an explosive hour after lunch, Chappell and Kent put on exactly 100 runs. It was Chappell's 66th first class century and his 19th hundred for his adopted state since his move from South Australia.

Chappell's form has been mediocre this summer, but the challenge of his clash with the Pakistanis brought out the best in the champion, who is striving to regain the Test captaincy from Kim Hughes.

In all, Chappell hit two sixes, one of which hit a top hoarding of the Clem Jones stand and 20 boundaries in four hour innings before off-spinner Majid Khan held a stinging knee high return catch soon after tea on the second day of the four day game.

Chappell took Queensland's first innings within sight of Pakistan's score of 328 and then the Queenslanders took a first innings lead in the last session of the day's play. At

## U.S. bags World Bridge title

POR CHESTER, New York Oct. 31 (AP) — The United States won the World Contract Bridge Team Championship here Friday after 11 days of play, successfully defending the Bermuda Bowl title it won two years ago in Rio de Janeiro.

The other major title, for the Women's World Team Championship, was won Thursday night by Britain.

The final match was almost exactly even in Thursday's play for the first 48 of the scheduled 96 deals. But the Americans broke through in the night session and led by 53 points.

The faint hopes of the Pakistan supporters faded Friday afternoon when the Americans moved further ahead and led by 81 points, 207-126. The remaining deals were a virtual formality, and the final margin was 39 points, 271-182.

The end came for Pakistan on the 72nd deal. Munir Attaullah of Pakistan had to make a crucial lead against three-no-trump redou-



LEADS RALLY: Manchester United's Garry Birtles, who led the fightback and helped United to the top of the English First Division Soccer table. United beat Notts County 2-1.

## Isiah Thomas makes impressive debut

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (AP) — The first night of the National Basketball Association season, who else should shine, but the league's biggest names and top rookies. And it looked Friday night that pro basketball fans have a trio of new stars, who are ready to light up the galaxy.

Detroit's Isiah Thomas made the most auspicious debut, scoring 31 points and assisting on 11 baskets as the Pistons topped Milwaukee 118-113. Thomas, a 6-foot-1 guard who led Indiana University to the NCAA title in March as a sophomore, then joined the NBA, was the No. 2 pick in the June draft.

Selected ahead of Thomas was 6-7 forward Mark Aguirre, who went to Dallas. The Mavericks didn't win but Aguirre scored 19 points as Utah won 105-89.

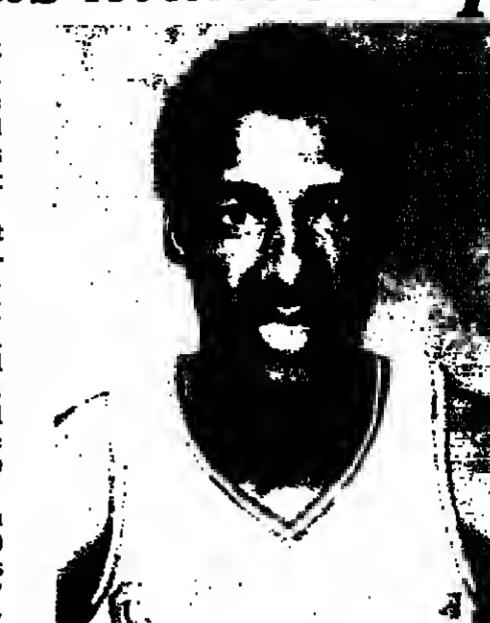
Then New Jersey Nets had the third spot in the draft and took Buck Williams 6-10 forward-center from Maryland. Williams acquitted himself well — 19 points and 17 rebounds — as the Nets opened their New Byrne-Meadowlands arena by bowing to the New York Knicks 103-99.

Familiar names around the NBA, who got off to fast starts were scoring machine Georg Gervin of San Antonio with 36 points to lead the Spurs past Kansas City 113-102; Moses Malone, whose 16 points lifted Houston over Los Angeles 113-112 in double overtime; Julius Erving, whose solid game included 27 points that paced Philadelphia past Cleveland 128-104 and Boston's Robert Parish and Larry Bird, with 22 and 20 points, respectively as the Celtics began defense of their championship with an easy 124-100 win over Washington.

In other games, it was Denevere 134, Goldwater 121; Indiana 98; Chicago 94; Portland 103; Phoenix 95.

Pistons 118, Bucks 113: In 41 minutes Thomas made 10 of 19 shots, and guided the Detroit offense. The Pistons also got 15 points from rookie Kelly Tripucka, another first-round pick, and 20 by Phil Hubbard. Dickie Moore had 22 for Milwaukee.

## Erving strikes for 76ers



Julius Erving

Jazz 105, Mavericks 89: Utah fought back from a deficit as Adrian Dantley, the NBA's leading scorer last season, hit for 39 points. Dantley had 19 points in the opening half and 20 in the second half.

Knicks 103, Nets 99: Maurice Lucas, who was traded Sunday from New Jersey to New York, haunted his old teammates with 25 points and 12 rebounds. He sank two free throws with 26 seconds left for the decisive points. Lucas had been fouled by Williams, who took Lucas' place at power forward with the Nets.

Spurs 113, Kings 102: Gervin had 18 of his game-high 35 points in the second quarter, including a string of eight straight跳球. But the Kings erased all but eight points of a 24-point deficit by outscoring San Antonio 22-6 in a 5 1/2-minute span of the fourth quarter before Spurs guard Johnny Moore put in seven straight points to clinch it.

Rockets 113, Lakers 112: Malone's layup

with one second remaining in the second overtime period gave Houston the victory in a fight-marred game. Malone hit eight seconds after the Lakers lost the ball on an inbound pass. Los Angeles' Earvin "Magic" Johnson forced the first shot with a desperation shot of about 44 feet (13-m) with 11 seconds left.

The fight erupted with 4:44 left in the third quarter as Houston guard Calvin Murphy squared off with Los Angeles guard Norm Nixon. Both connected with punches to the head and were ejected. Abdul-Jabbar led the Lakers with 33 points while Johnson and Jamaal Wilkes added 27 each.

76ers 128, Cavaliers 104: Philadelphia built a 14-point halftime edge and coasted. Maurice Cheeks helped Erving by scoring 18 points.

Celtics 124, Bullets 100: Boston, in its typical style, spread the points around with five players in double figures. Aside from Parish and Bird, Cedric Maxwell had 17, Kevin McHale 15 and Chris Ford 13. Ody Ballard scored 21 points for Washington.

Pacers 96, Bulls 94: Indiana won it with four seconds to go when Mike Banton's lob pass intended for Pacers center Herb Williams was deflected into the basket by Chicago guard Rickey Sobers. Billy Knight's 20 points paced Indiana, while Artis Gilmore had 25 for the Bulls.

Trail Blazers 103, Suns 95: Mychal Thompson scored 24 points and Mike Harper added 10 and 10 rebounds for Portland. Kyle Macy topped Phoenix with 24 points and Chuck Robinson had 22 and 18 rebounds.

Mori keeps lead

KAMPOMO, Japan, Oct. 31 (AP) — Japan's veteran pro Kenji Mori shot a one-under-par 69 for a one-under-par 209 total and maintained a one-stroke lead after the third round Saturday in the 50 million yen (\$213,000) Japan Open Golf Tournament.

Japan's top pro Isao Aoki shot a three-under-par 67 for an even-par 210 total.

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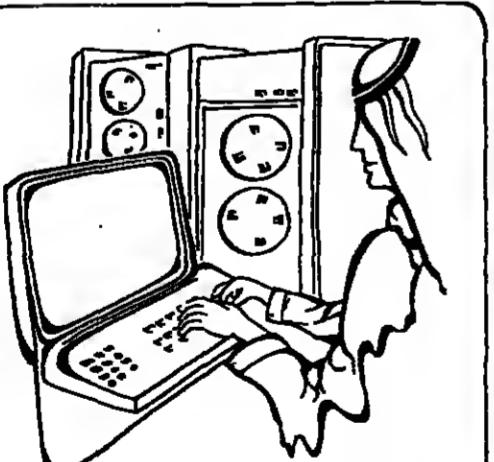
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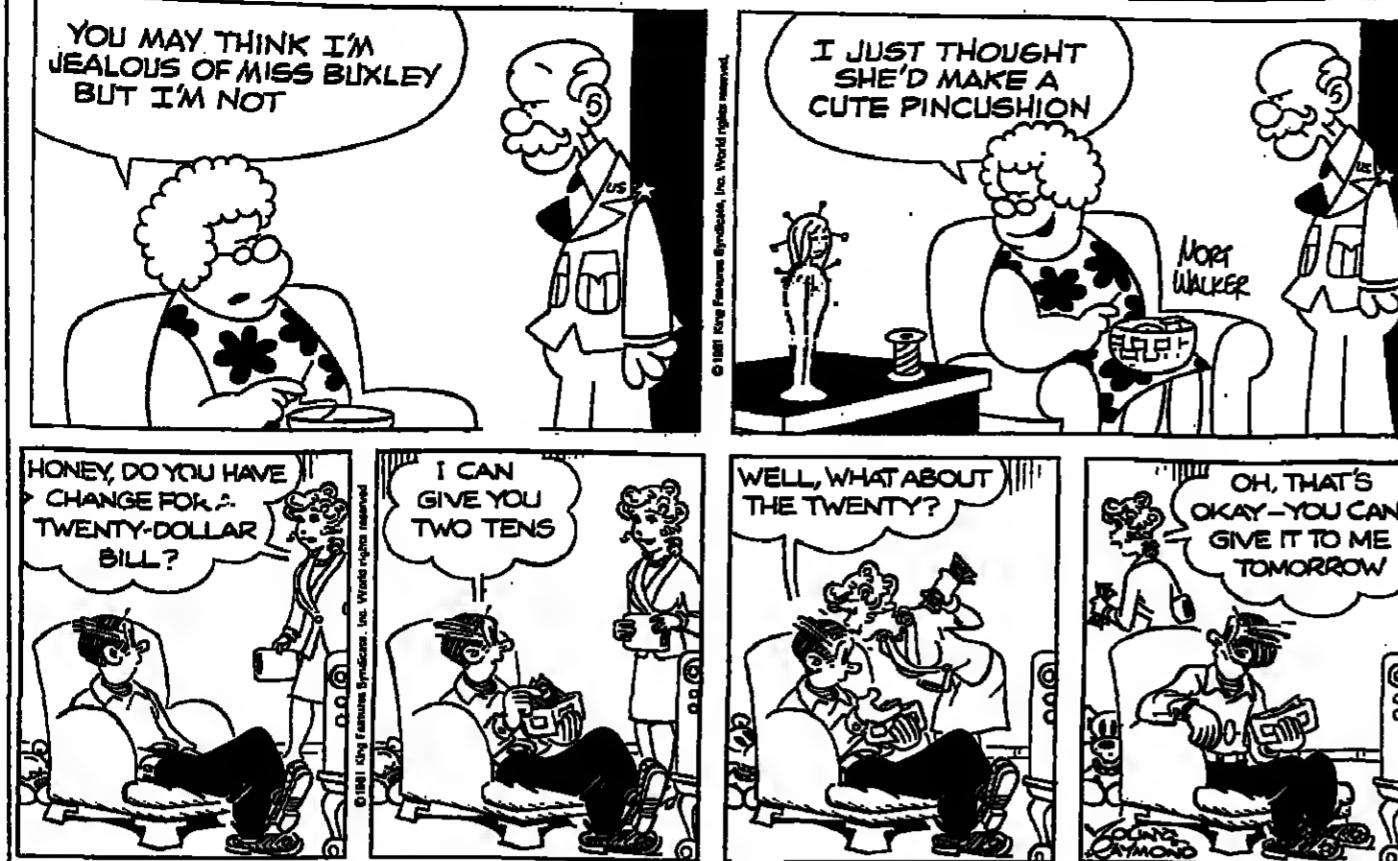
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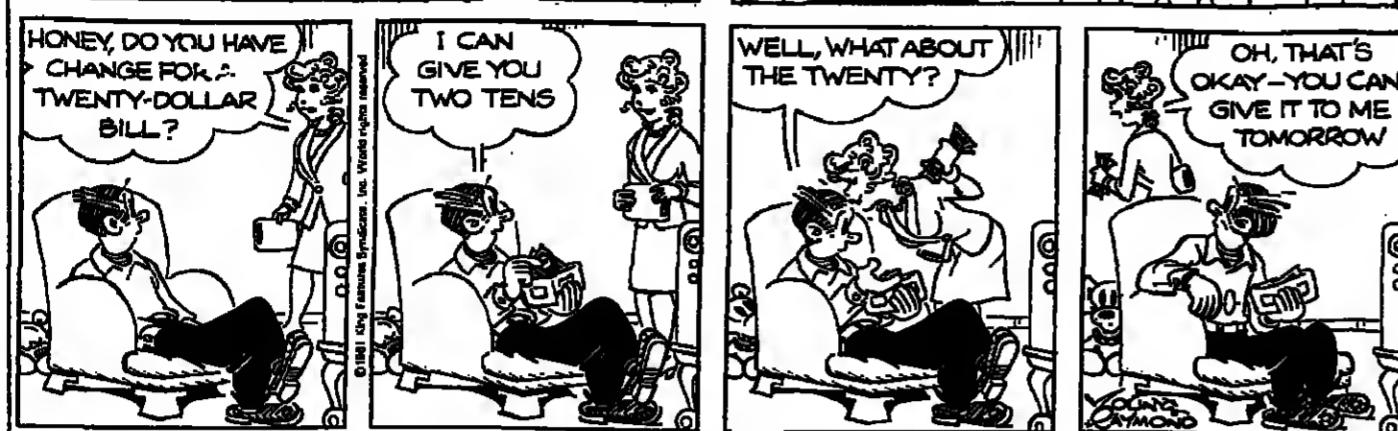
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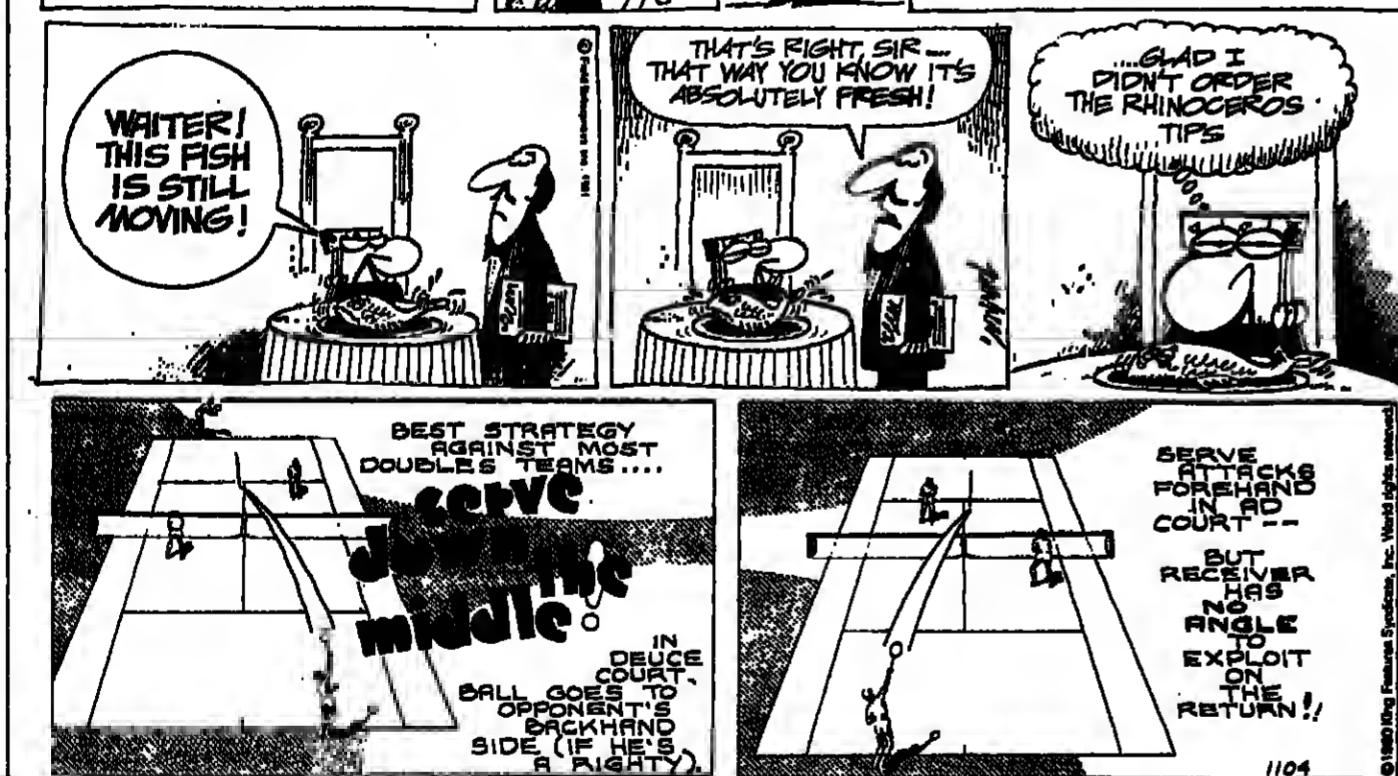
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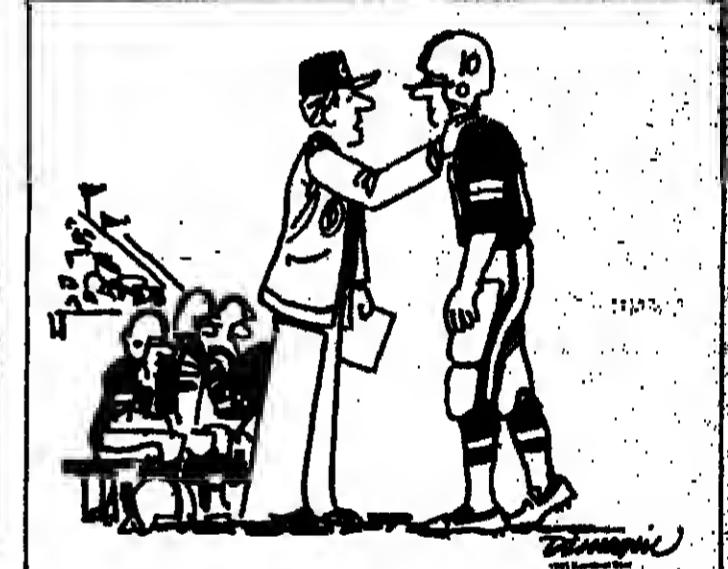
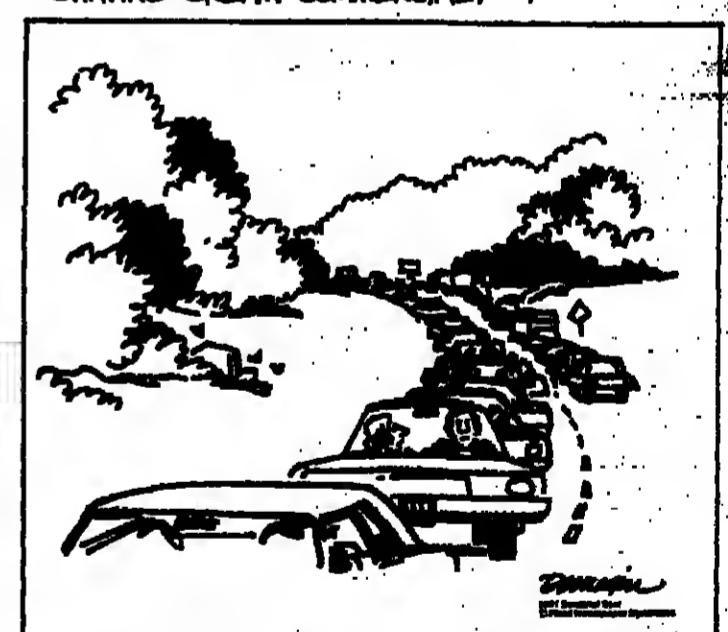
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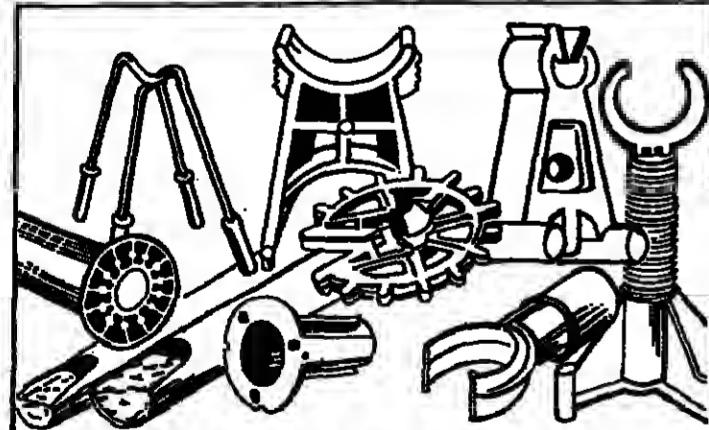
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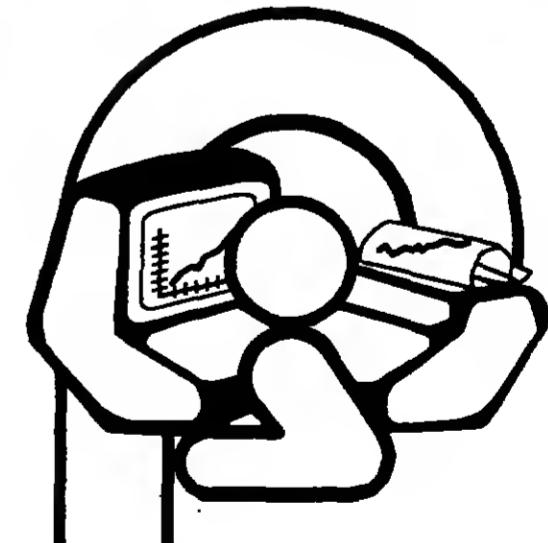
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## International

### Parliament threatens emergency

## Poland calls halt to strikes

WARSAW, Oct. 31 (R) — Poland's parliament Saturday unanimously called for an immediate end to strikes and warned that if it was not heeded it would consider giving the government emergency powers.

It said in a resolution the strikes were crippling the country and had to be stopped to ensure the provision of basic supplies. The parliament welcomed a call by leaders of the free trade union Solidarity for a halt to wildcat strikes.

If strikes continued, the parliamentary resolution said, "and a state of higher emergency for the nation's existence arises, the Sejm (parliament) will consider a proposal to equip the government with such legal means as are required by the situation."

Communist Party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski Friday conveyed to the Sejm a draft bill containing "extraordinary measures to protect citizens' and state interests" and said he would demand its enactment if strikes were not halted. But Solidarity activists in several regions said strikes there were continuing.

In Zielona Gora province, where farm workers are demanding the sacking of a Communist manager, a union official said they were waiting for an initiative from the authorities. A visit by solidarity leader Lech Wałęsa Friday had not altered the situation, he added.

Textile workers in Zyrardow, on a sit-strike for the past 19 days, and in nearby Skierkiewice, were continuing talks with government negotiators. But local strike committee member Jan Zak said: "The parliament doesn't have the right to dictate to us. There is no point in bottling these grievances up."

Solidarity's national presidium in Gdańsk Thursday issued a call to members to stop uncontrolled local protest actions. It said such strikes were destructive to the union's support in the country and could lead to "Solidarity becoming an empty word."

The union's national commission will meet in Gdańsk Tuesday to consider imposing internal limitations on calling strikes and disciplinary measures against those who break it.

Spokesman Marek Brzuska has said Wałęsa might resign if the commission failed to take this step.

At the suggestion of Karol Malczynski, a non-party Sejm member, the parliamentary resolution included an amendment welcoming the Solidarity presidium's criticism of uncontrolled strikes. But words referring to the union move as "a step in the same direction" were dropped after Ryszard Wójcik, a leading Communist press commentator and Sejm deputy, insisted some of Solidarity's leaders were not going in the same direction as the government.

The Sejm also approved government changes announced Friday by Jaruzelski. The most significant of these was the appointment of Edward Kowalczyk, leader of the small, Communist-allied Democratic Party, as a deputy prime minister.

Jaruzelski Friday also proposed the estab-

lishment of a council of national agreement in which trade unions and non-Communists could play a greater role in government. In Saturday's debate Mieczysław Starucha of the Catholic group Pax said any coalition would have to contain differing opinions, for "if views were not differing but uniform, then no such coalition would be needed."

Jaruzelski did not specify what measures the government might consider, but informed sources here have said a ban on strikes could be followed by a declaration of a state of emergency if it were breached.

In his speech to the Sejm Jaruzelski proposed the creation of a council of national agreement with the trade unions and church playing a more active role in government. But be made no direct offer to solidarity. The general who now holds the office of prime minister and defense minister as well as Communist party chief, said Poles would soon have to pay more for petrol and alcohol. But pensions and minimum salaries would also be increased. He said Poland was short of essential foreign currency.

Jaruzelski said the government would crack down on blackmarket operators and speculators whose activities he said were flourishing at the expense of the poorest consumers. He said it was a sign of the friendship and trust of the Soviet Union that it was delivering some 30 million tons of meat to Poland despite the fact that Poland had hardly met two-thirds of its export obligations to Moscow this year.

## Kidnappers keep body in freezer, get ransom

ROME, Oct. 31 (AP) — The kidnappers of an 80-year-old coffee industrialist kept his body in a freezer for nearly three months to extract money from his family, police sources said Saturday. Giovanni Palombini's body was discovered Wednesday buried under a tree outside the village of Vaconte, 40 kms south of Rome.

Palombini's family paid a ransom of 400 million lire (\$360,000) two months ago after receiving photographs of Palombini "showing that he was still alive," police said. An autopsy showed, however, that Palombini, snatched by six persons in front of his home April 17, has been dead at least three months. Police said he was shot three times in the chest.

Police said the kidnappers apparently pulled Palombini's body out of the freezer and "made him up" for the picture-taking. The picture showed Palombini sitting in a chair, wearing dark sunglasses and holding a newspaper, police said. The picture was not made available to news media.

Police have discovered the freezer in a villa, on the sea coast south of Ajre, used as a hideout by the abductors. Police said Palombini's body was covered with salt and pepper, apparently to preserve and reduce the stench.

Police dug up Palombini's corpse long after the gang extracted the ransom money from the family, after receiving tips from a 13-year-old girl was rescued from her kidnappers last week.

Mirta Corsetti, the young daughter of a millionaire Rome restaurateur, had been held by the same people who police believe also killed Palombini. In her "prison," police recovered some of the marked bank notes Palombini's family paid to the kidnappers.

Police also seized papers showing the abductors' plan to kidnap another person, 43-year-old Italian actress Verna Lisi.

They included De Santis, who had been sought for the killing of a policeman in a post office robbery several years ago. De Santis, who had twice escaped from Rome prisons, claimed that he had "sold alive" Palombini to a group of kidnappers, police sources said.

De Santis and the other five were not immediately charged in connection with the murder of Palombini, who owned a coffee factory and several coffee shops in Rome.

Since 1972 at least 380 persons have been snatched by ransom-seeking kidnappers in Italy. Many are released after payment of large sums, but 18 bodies have been recovered.

Prison officials identified the ringleader as

### Thais search homes of 2 former colonels

BANGKOK, Oct. 31 (R) — Thai troops, on full military alert after rumors of a possible coup, Saturday searched the homes of two ex-army officers who were involved in an attempted takeover last April.

Heavily armed soldiers accompanied by police conducted the searches at the homes of former colonels, Prachak Sawangchit and Mandon Roopkachorn, but left without finding any weapons, family members said.

The security moves followed rumors of a fresh coup attempt after bomb explosions injured two office workers in government buildings Wednesday. The army commander in chief, Gen. Prayuth Charumane, Friday night denied the rumors.

### Ties breakup

## Jamaican action dubbed anti-Cuba

MIAMI, Florida, Oct. 31 (AP) — The Cuban Foreign Ministry says Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga was "only following orders received from the United States government" in breaking diplomatic relations with Cuba, Havana radio reported.

The ministry also called the break "another step in the aggressive anti-Cuban strategy of the Yankee imperialist government," according to the broadcast, monitored in Miami.

Jamaica unexpectedly broke off relations Thursday, accusing Cuban President Fidel Castro of "an international disgrace" in harboring Jamaican fugitives. Jamaica ordered Cuba to close its embassy in Kingston and gave Cuban diplomatic personnel 48 hours to get out.

"This drastic, unjustified action interrupts all the official ties that have been progressing

between both countries since 1972," the broadcast quoted the Cuban Foreign Ministry as saying. "Seaga will be responsible before the Latin American nations for this deplorable, unjustified act."

According to the broadcast, the ministry also said Cuba has helped Jamaica for more than eight years in education and health "in a spirit of solidarity between the two Caribbean neighbor countries."

But Seaga "has set himself as the most outspoken critic of Cuba as the spokesman of Yankee imperialism in the Caribbean," the broadcast said.

Former Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley established close ties with the Cuban government and allowed Castro to send teachers, doctors and engineers to the island to help replace trained Jamaicans who fled Manley's socialist tendencies.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

I have been to America several times, and for reasonable lengths. I ought to be someone who could turn to you and say, well, sir, it would benefit you to listen to my views on the U.S. of A. I've been there and can tell a thing or two which will clarify the issues you have raised.

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Now you'll see why yours truly is confused about this. For it happened that, a long time ago, I was driving in a rented car through the great state of Texas — me being in the States on a passing visit. In a village whose name I didn't even notice, I parked my car and went to a shop to buy some provisions.

I came back five minutes later and found a parking ticket to the value of \$25

Translated from *Ashraq Al-Awsat*

### Police stand vigil

## U.S. prisoners held hostage

GRATERFORD, Pennsylvania, Oct. 31 (AP) — Flak-jacketed police stood vigil Saturday at Pennsylvania's largest prison, where a convicted murderer and three fellow inmates held 38 persons hostage for a third day.

The hostages were reported in good health. Negotiations with the inmates were at a stalemate and there was no indication when an end would come to the siege that began after the four botched an escape attempt Wednesday night, a prison spokesman said.

"We've been in contact with the hostages, they are in good health," Martin Dragovich, an assistant to prison superintendent Julius Cuyler, told reporters.

He said it was "watchful waiting" in the kitchen area at the state correctional institution where the hostages — three guards, three kitchen workers and 32 inmates — have been held and where a state trooper suffered a minor gunshot wound Thursday night.

Prison officials identified the ringleader as

Joseph Bowen, characterized by a judge who presided at one of his murder trials as a man "who would kill for sheer joy." Bowen is serving time for the murders of a policeman and a warden and assistant warden at another prison.

The 34-year-old convict has told prison officials he is considering surrender, but as the hours ticked by, the question remained.

Dragovich said the captors have been assured that if they surrender peacefully they will be allowed safe passage to their cells. But he said the "bureau of prisons isn't guaranteeing any amnesty."

The captors were believed to be armed with at least one handgun, and also had access to kitchen utensils, including knives. It was not known how much food was on hand, but one law enforcement official, who requested anonymity, told a reporter: "They could hole in there for months."

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